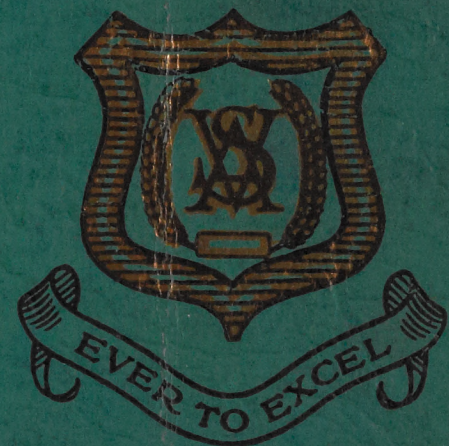
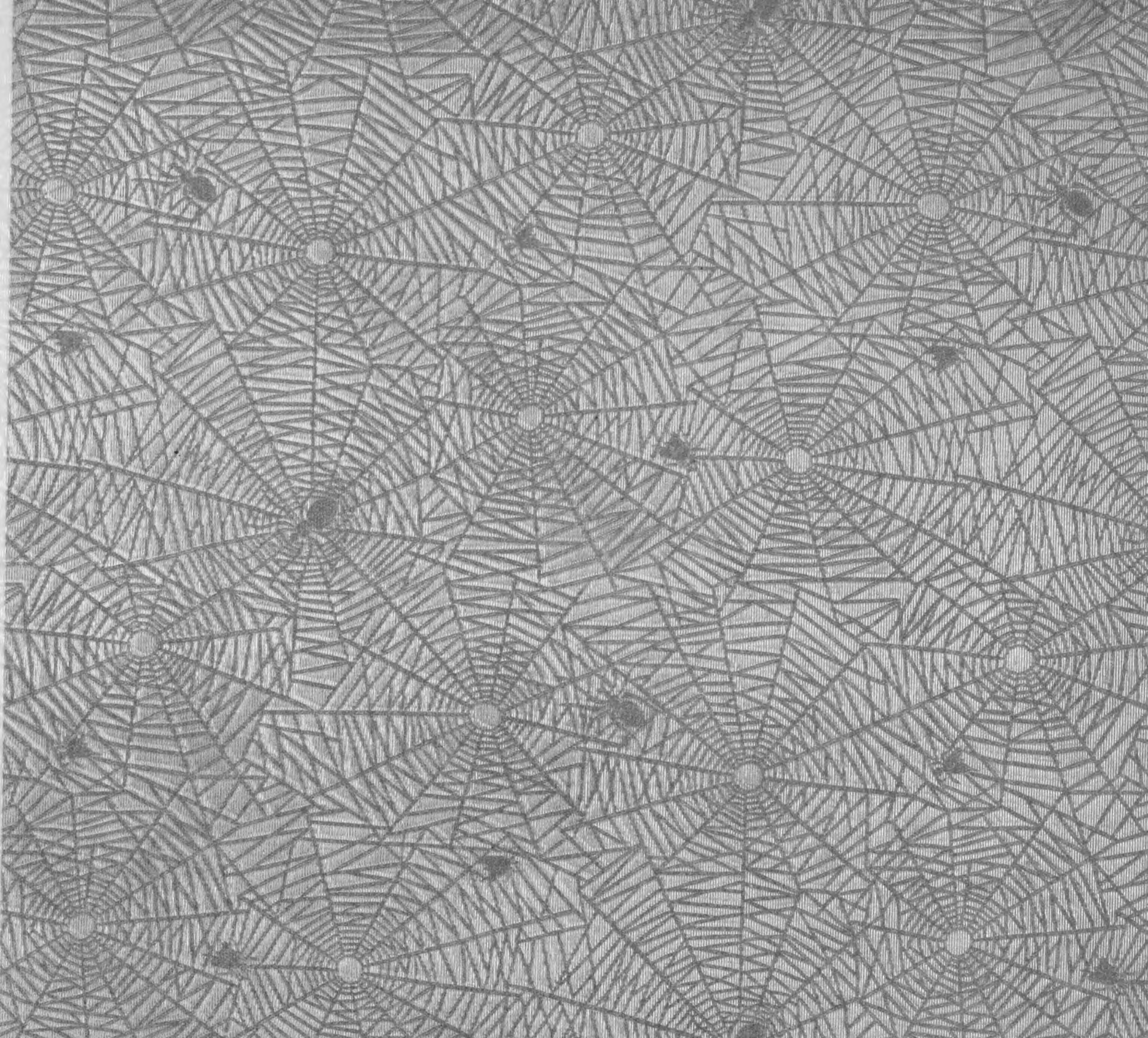
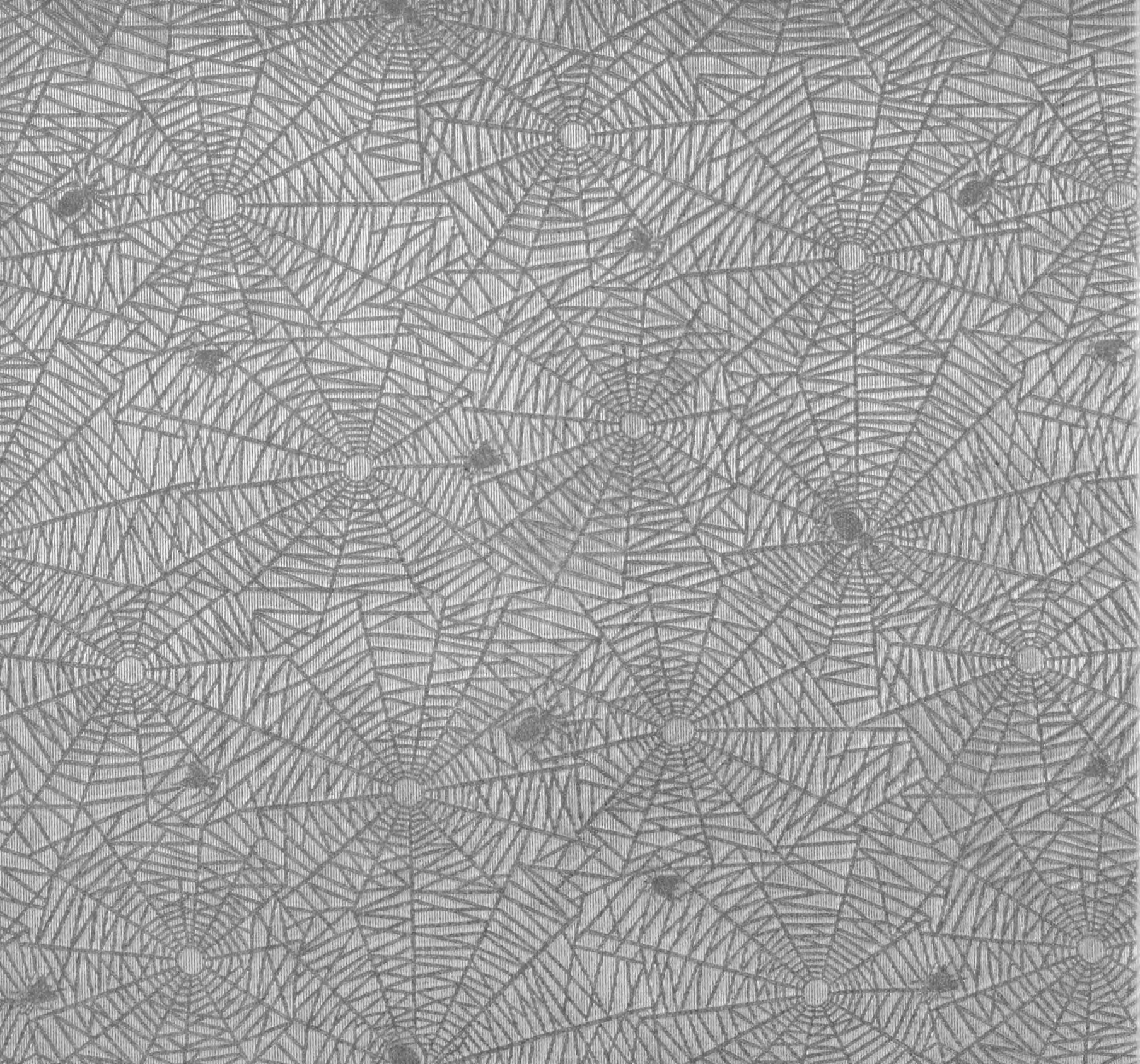


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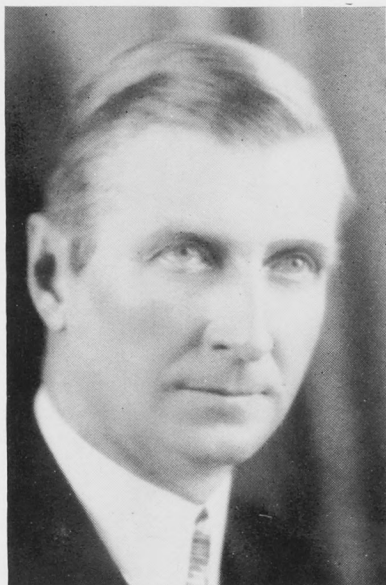




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*T*O our mothers and fathers,
whose self-sacrifice and devotion
have made our attendance at
the V.S.A. possible, this Year
Book is gratefully dedicated. » »



◆ ◆ Foreword ◆ ◆

IT IS A PLEASURE to write a few thoughts for the 1934-35 Year Book. It is particularly interesting to me on this occasion for the reason that this year's magazine symbolizes the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the Vermilion School of Agriculture.

The growth and success of the work of the Schools has been far beyond the expectations of anyone connected with the institution twenty-one years ago. The record of attendance has been away above what anyone anticipated, and the results of the instruction obtained have been most striking. The courses of study in the first calendar indicated that they were planned for the special benefit of those who were training for farming and home-making. That the objectives of the courses have been realized is abundantly demonstrated by a visit to the hundreds of farms of ex-students in various parts of Alberta. The graduates are farming in a way that is satisfactory to themselves, an inspiring example to their fellow citizens and a great compliment to the institution from which they graduated.

We are proud of the record of the Schools of Agriculture. It shows tremendous achievement in bringing about a better form of Agriculture and a higher standard of citizenship. It is our conviction that the record during the next twenty-one years will give as striking results as it has in the past. Today there are greater problems for agricultural institutions of training to face and solve than there has been at any time in the past. It will be the responsibility of the Schools of Agriculture to improve their courses of study so as to lay the foundation for this heavier task ahead.

We feel confident it will be possible for the Schools of Agriculture, including students, ex-students, and staff, to meet the more serious situation. In the staffs there is a trained and experienced group of minds that will make it their responsibility to face and in a large measure solve the difficulties arising out of the new problems. The students who attend the institutions have a better background of training and a keener conception of their responsibilities than had those enrolled in the earlier years of their history. The institutions have a reputation for achievement which will add incentive for greater effort and materialize in accomplishments that will bring further credit to the Schools and their Alumni.

Their future success rests not only in the hands of the staff but also with the large body of graduates and those who are now enrolled as students and about to assume the responsibilities of citizenship. We wish the staff and students a pleasant and fruitful year's work and the best possible success in years to come.

F. S. GRISDALE,
Minister of Agriculture.



—Drawing by H. S. Patrick



I AM happy to avail myself of this opportunity to extend a message of greeting to the students of the Vermilion School of Agriculture. The Year Book in which this message is conveyed will be treasured by many of you as reminder of the happy and profitable times you have spent at the Vermilion School. In the days to come it will serve to refresh fond memories of associations you were privileged to make during your school terms. It will be a pleasure to be even remotely associated with those memories.

Many of you will now be entering upon the more serious occupational pursuits of life for which I hope you have received helpful training and direction in the courses, facilities, and studies that have been made available in the institution you are about to leave. Some of you will be advancing to other schools for higher courses and more specialized work. Wherever you go and whatever field of endeavor you take up, I trust you may always be able to look back upon your experiences in this School as having taken a very worth while and influential place in the pattern of your life.

During recent years the immediate outlook for young people has been uncertain, and in many cases disappointing. The future is still uncertain; but it is by no means without promise. The problems of today can be solved by the appropriate kind of social organization and a clearer understanding of what is involved. As young people now undertaking the responsibilities and accepting the privileges of citizenship it will be your duty to supplement your present training by giving careful thought and study to these social problems. It is you who will reap the rich rewards that must certainly accrue to society when we have learned how to make the fullest use of the technical equipment presently at our disposal.



The future holds out to you a challenge that I believe you will accept with courage and resolution. Changes are bound to come. In them wise leadership will be required. Our social heritage is great. If we build constructively using such ideas and materials inherited from the past as are sound, and supplement them with new ideas required to meet new conditions—the future is assured.

I wish you all success, individually and collectively.

—R. G. REID, Premier

AGAIN it is my privilege to say a few words to the student body as the 1934-35 Session draws to its close.

In spite of the fact that the school was not in operation a year ago, for economic reasons, the fall of 1934 saw the second largest enrolment in the history of the school, with a total of 165 students drawn from all parts of Northern Alberta.

An outstanding feature of the registration is the very large class of First Year boys. This class totals 91, and is by far the largest Freshman class in the history of the institution. Another striking fact is the registration of the Two-in-one boys and girls. There are 16 of the former and 17 of the latter, making a total of 33 which is also a record for the school.

It would seem, from opinions expressed by the students of the First Year, that many are anticipating returning for the diploma year, and we hope this may be possible, so that with the incoming first year, we may equal or even exceed the splendid registration for 1934-35.

As the tide seems to have turned toward improved economic conditions, given a reasonable crop return, we believe that students will more and more take advantage of such courses as are offered in Agriculture and Household Science.

To that end we would suggest a word of courage. Possibly all of us have talked too much about the depression. Possibly we have all dwelt too much upon that economic aspect of our life, and have not looked ahead to see what it might have to offer. We have hesitated and cringed before this Ogre "Depression," when we should have looked him level-eyed, in the face.

The world needs men now just as the world has always needed men, but there never was a time where real preparation for work on the farm, work in the home, work in business or in the professions, would count for more than it does at the present time. And so let me suggest to each and all of you the taking on of a courage that will carry you through. Let not petty things distract or disturb you. It is said that a man is just as big as the things that annoy him, so to the V.S.A. Students I would say: Go forward with courage in your heart, attack courageously the problems ahead of you, and to you will come a measure of success that may surprise even yourself.



W. J. ELLIOTT,
Principal.



Editorial



AS WE come to the end of the college term it is interesting to look back over the more outstanding events and activities of a winter which, I am sure, has been both profitable and enjoyable to every one of us—in new acquaintances and friendships made, in new experiences and new learning. It is with the purpose of keeping these memories fresh in our minds that the Yearbook Staff presents the ninth issue of the V.S.A. Yearbook. We have endeavoured to make this book "bigger and better" than ever, and to keep in mind, as much as possible, the many-sidedness of the year's activities.

In spite of the depression and the fact that the school was closed last year we have a larger enrollment than in 1932-33. Let us, to use the words of our principal, "Get behind the institution and push," so that the school may be opened next fall with an attendance still greater than that of this term.

The V.S.A. Alumni has suffered greatly with having the school closed. This Association is the best way of keeping in contact with the V.S.A. and

it is hoped that all of this year's students will take advantage of the opportunity and join up, and, in addition, try to get more of the ex-students interested. Remember the V.S.A. Reunion next fall!

In reviewing the winter's sports activities we find that the Civic League Hockey was possibly the most outstanding event though our team did not capture the trophy. Much interest was also shown in the House League Hockey and House League Basketball games.

The Literary and Social Committees and the Versatile Club have done their parts admirably in supplying the student body with well received entertainments. Special mention should be made of the work of Miss Beth Henderson who gave so freely of her time to preside at the piano, both with the orchestra and at our weekly sing-song.

It is to be regretted that the play, which was begun by the Dramatic Club, had to be given up on account of sickness and lack of time and support.

We must not forget to mention our studies, for, after all, they were our primary reasons for attending this institution. These varied, with the girls, from public speaking to sewing and even carpentering; and with the boys, from the study of insects to blacksmithing. We have included as many of the pictures of these classes as space would permit, as well as the pictures concerning the other activities.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our staff for their patience and hard work in making this term such a successful one in spite of the handicap of having so many students absent on account of sickness.

In closing, on behalf of the Yearbook Staff, I wish to thank all those who have contributed epitaphs, poems, reports, jokes and other features. I wish particularly to thank Mr. Patrick, our genial stockman, for his splendid pen drawing of the school grounds. In this work he was ably assisted by his wife (nee Eva Wilson, Class '29). Several of the headings and other drawings in the book are the work of P. Harrison, and to him, too, we wish to proffer our thanks. The many business firms, whose names appear in the advertising section, have also done much to make this book possible. Kindly extend to them your patronage.

—J.S.B.



By E. A. Howes, Dean of Agriculture, University of Alberta

Early Days

THE Vermilion School opened its doors for work in the fall of 1913, and we who had the privilege of being the first actors on the scene, both teachers and students, must be pardoned if we look back with deep interest, some quiet amusement, and a great deal of pride, to the foundational period during which we were permitted to play a part. As a matter of interest I might name the first staff:

E. A. Howes, Principal; now Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Alberta.

J. G. Taggart, Instructor in Animal Husbandry; now Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Saskatchewan.

E. S. Hopkins, Instructor in Science; now Dominion Agrostologist at Ottawa.

Lawson Shanks, Instructor in Mechanics; now Professor of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. P. R. Talbot, then as now, Provincial Veterinarian.

George Scott, Instructor in Dairying and Poultry; still with the Provincial Dairy Branch.

Miss Marjorie Goldie and Miss Nan Lawson, Domestic Science teachers.

There was no Agronomy and Live Stock building in those days. The Animal Husbandry lectures were given in the regular class room and the demonstrations held in the room now flourishing as a laundry room. The animals used in demonstration would slide into this room, and scramble out of it, in a way that was diverting, to say the least.

There was no Mechanics building at the start, but opportunity succeeded in securing a limited sum, beyond which we were told construction would cease. We secured the superintendence of a genuine carpenter, and the principal, three of the staff and some of the students succeeded in erecting the present building; of course the carpenter helped too. If any of the present day frequenters find evidences of jagged saw-cuts, poorly matched v-joint or ill driven nails, the blame rests upon two members of the staff, names withheld for politic reasons.

The water supply was supposed to be maintained by means of some newly devised pump, fearfully and wonderfully made, the hoped for pressure being automatically maintained somewhere down in the well. This pump did not break; it did not just quit at once, but like David Harum's calf, it "sort of gin out." Local experts were called in, but by the time the pump was hoisted into a forty below atmosphere, the all-important bonspiel was on and the inevitable happened. Next spring we scrapped the pump and installed the present system.

To speak of the early student body in an adequate manner would require much space, so only a few sketches must be here attempted. The first year we opened up with thirty-four boys, and about fifteen girls joined the two-months' course in the spring.

The boys of the first years were somewhat older on the average than the students of today. Coming to the Province under extreme pioneer conditions, these boys had often been unable to attend school, even when such came within reach. Grown older they could not, or would not, enter classes of Junior pupils, so that they had not on the whole much in the way of school education. They welcomed the advent of the School of Agriculture as a fine last chance to secure education which had hitherto been denied them.

In one way these early students were a serious minded group, because they had been well schooled in experience. On the other hand they had only elementary ideas of discipline, and one smiles as he recalls how they expected to be somehow punished for minor misdemeanors—what were teachers for? It took a few weeks or more for the idea to sink in, that they had arrived at an age where they had to assume responsibility, individually as well as collectively.

One thing may be said without fear of contradiction—our first lads were earnest dancers; not that they favored noticeably the waltz, two-step or fox trot, but that when they organized a good old quadrille performance, it reminded one of the old darcy's description:

"They knocked the dust plum out de floor,
And jarred de shingles on de roof."

Did they indulge in mischief occasionally? Well, what do you think? It would take a book to record this part of the history, and it would all be just as amusing, just as harmless eventually, as the record of any school of lively young people.

We early established a form of student government. Gordon Fletcher was president, and he had a committee of four or five to back him up. The scheme was eminently successful, but we always had a reserve idea that the success was somehow due to Gordon himself.

Our boys played hockey on a somewhat rude outdoor rink at which, as usual, a willing group labored in the construction and maintenance—some were willing to work and others were willing to allow the privilege. Our hockey was only fair, it may be supposed; it improved during the second year when the Barr boys, Leslie and Fife and some others swung into action. The graduating year challenged the staff in the Spring and an historical game was staged to a draw. The class seemed somewhat disappointed—they still blame the referee and the time-keeper.

Our chief indoor exercises were wrestling and boxing, carried on in what was then our stock judging pavilion(?). The boxing was not organized or systematic but was quite exciting at times—like the dancing, it was earnest.

I have a photo of the first group which I consider very valuable. I have also a good photo of the second group. After that I passed on to another field and lost my direct contact with the girls and boys of the Vermilion School of Agriculture.



Further Historical Comment

Contributed by Miss Goodall and S. H. Gandier

In the preceding article, the first Principal tells of the launching of the school upon its career as an educational institution. That the foundations were well and truly laid is beyond dispute. Little did the staff of those early days realize the development that was to result from their first efforts, and the expansion in buildings and student body which was to take place within a twenty year period. The mechanics building, to which Dean Howes refers with pardonable pride, still remains as a monument to the zeal and versatility of the first Principal and his staff. The details of its construction are a present source of wonder and awe, and its staunchness to withstand the ravages of time, fire and overgrown classes, cannot be denied.

When Mr. Howes left the school in 1915 to become Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at Edmonton, a member of the Olds School staff was appointed to succeed him at Vermilion. The new appointee was none other than our present Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. F. S. Grisdale. Mr. Grisdale continued as head of the school for four years, and during his regime the attendance showed a steady increase. In those days, there being no dormitory, all students trudged back and forth between town and school. For the convenience of the girls and the lady members of the staff, a covered bus drawn by a farm team plied back and forth three times a day. Naturally, the exterior of this conveyance was liberally decorated with male students wherever a foothold might be obtained, provided that George Newson, the driver, was in sufficiently good humor to carry the extra load! Yes, it is the same George whose wares are now brooms, mops and floor wax. He has persisted through the years and surely deserves honorable mention. Another name of local interest of those times is that of Mrs. (Dr.) Knoll, then Miss Lavelle, of the Home Economics staff.

In August, 1917, a railway excursion to the school from all points between Edmonton and Lloydminster was arranged in order that farmers of the entire district might become acquainted with the school and the experimental work of the plots and farm. Over three hundred excursions arrived for this special day. It was in the same period that the war was in progress, and in the fall, 1917, several soldiers in uniform awaiting their discharge from the army, registered for the regular course. From the school records we find that the Alumni of the V.S.A. nobly rose to the occasion during the war years, fifty-nine enlisting for war service. Fortunately only three of this number were called upon to make the supreme sacrifice, and it is with reverence and appreciation that their names are here mentioned:

William Jones, Ponoka, Class '15; J. D. McPherson, Red Deer, Class '15; Wilfred Eyre, Vermilion, Class '16. The first break in the operation of the school came in the fall of '18 when the main building was converted into a district hospital to take care of those stricken with the "flu" which then raged at its height. It overflowed with patients during the following winter, and its acquisition permitted the local "flu" situation to be handled efficiently and systematically.

In 1919, Mrs. Grisdale was appointed to the Principalship at Olds and was succeeded by the present Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, Mr. J. G. Taggart. The school was not reopened that year to the regular classes, the sixty applicants being transferred to the schools at Olds and Claresholm. A special class of fifty returned soldiers taking up land under the Soldier Settlement Act, was admitted in November for a three months' course. Besides classes in agriculture bachelors of the group also took cooking classes under the instruction of Miss Goodall. It is reported that the finest concerts ever rendered in the old assembly hall were put on by these soldiers, some of whom were very talented musicians and entertainers. In February of '20 when the Soldier's course was over, free short courses for the public in agriculture and home economics were offered. Nearly one hundred young men and women came in for this instruction. Regular courses recommenced in the fall of this year.

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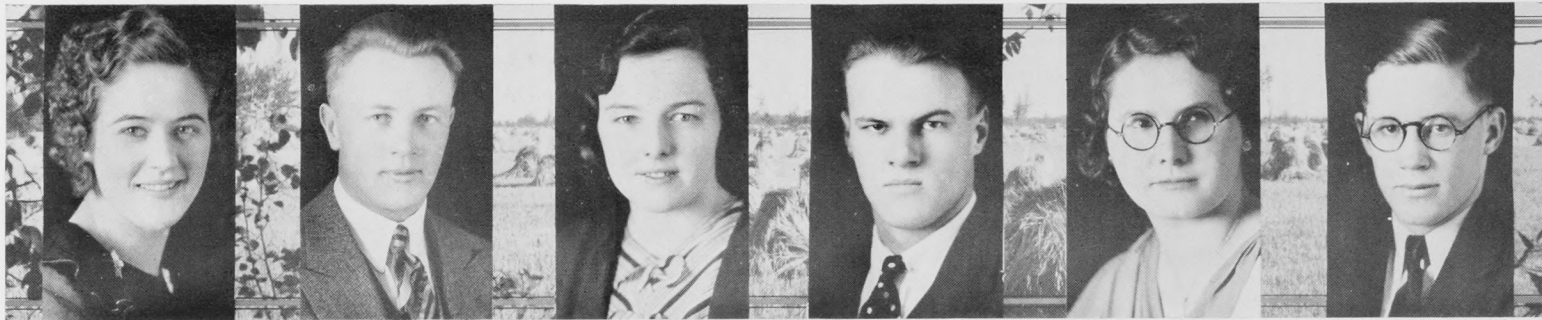
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IVY MOULDER—Hardisty:

Ivy is the only straight second year girl who has completed both years here, and her happy smile and blonde curls have rendered her a popular waitress. A hard worker, she is seen to advantage on the dance floor as well as in the class room.

TORLIEF LARSEN—Irma:

For all round athlete the palm this year undoubtedly goes to Torlief, the hockey team's deadly shooting centre, and captain of the aggressive "Viking" basketballers. He also shines at gymnasium work. His influence in all athletics has been of the best, and the students owe much to Torlief's wise and efficient guidance as chairman of the Gym. Committee. A good steady student, he is a young man on whom we look with pride and confidence in his future.

ELIZABETH IRENE GEORGE—Lloydminster:

Betty's dark little head has brightened many committees and other activities, and there's a lot in that fascinating head too—as her winning of the all round scholarship at O.S.A. in the first year girls last year will indicate. As a bed wrecker she is unexcelled, but her warm-hearted fun was never taken amiss, and she leaves a host of friends in both wings.

BURTON SEALE—Wainwright:

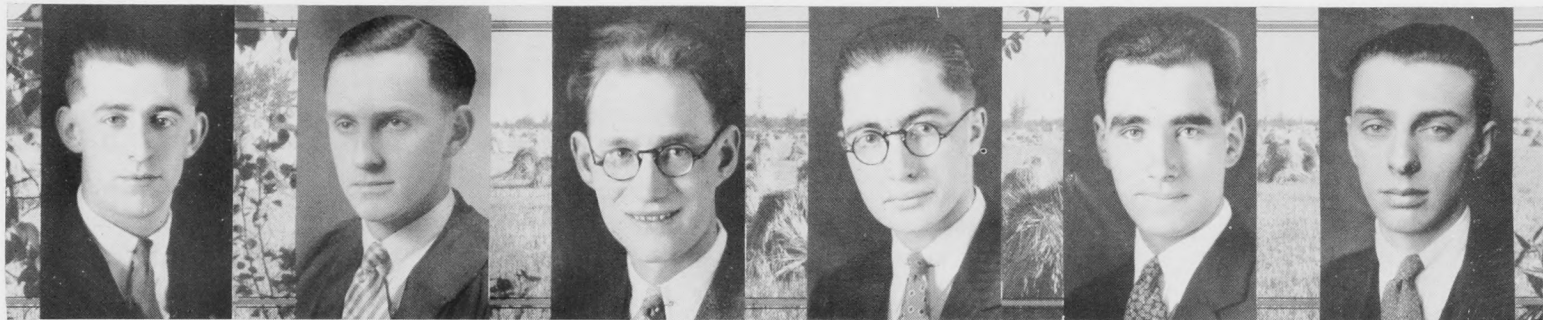
Another man who was in such a hurry for his education that he went to Olds for his first year. Repenting his indiscretion, Burton heard the call of the North, landed in our halls of learning last fall, and has never regreted his action. The championship in cattle at the "Little Royal" indicates one of Burton's interests, and his work in the carpentry and blacksmithing classes speaks for itself. Being of a quiet disposition he does not advertise his other activities, but we might state that he is very popular with the occupants of the East Wing. His chief pastime, finding alternative methods of working math. problems.

MARY CHOMYC—Musidora:

Mary brightened the halls of the O.S.A. last year, but decided to get a little finish at the nearer V.S.A. As a waitress she has shown herself capable of seeking the nearest way to the masculine heart, and has no foolish underestimate when it comes to supplying pancakes. Good luck, Mary, keep that cheery smile of yours!

PHILIP MERL AUSTIN—Ranfurly:

One of the gang that brightened O.S.A. halls last year, he decided V.S.A. was much more attractive. Philip has a decided ability for upsetting beds. He might also be a musician, if he played anything but a jew's harp. Sob stuff is Philip's strong suit, and he would do well over the radio.



Gordon Wilson

Gordon Clarke

Lester Severson

Roy Hawkins

Edward Sloan

Norman Heath

GORDON WILSON—Vermilion:

This lanky good-natured laddie refused to be stampeded into going down to Olds for his second year when the V.S.A. shut down, but loyally awaited our reopening. Gifted with a sardonic sense of humour, and a fund of anecdotes, sometimes original, Gordon has wended his cheerful way through his college career. He takes things as they come, and can take quite a lot at that. He makes a noise in the orchestra, and helps to drown the mistakes of the drummer. Gordon will get there, and no fuss about it.

GORDON CLARKE—Streamstown:

A woman hater he says, but manages to hide it. Gordon came to the V.S.A. after a winter at the Saskatchewan University, and registered in the second year. He has been pluck personified throughout a bout of sickness, which has interfered greatly with his class work, but has nevertheless got a lot out of the course here, and contributed much to the well being of the school itself. A gifted dancer, Gordon will long be remembered by those with whom he came in contact.

LESTER SEVERSON—Sedgewick:

Few presidents of the Students' Council have received the well merited respect and support of the students as has the genial Lester. His facile ability of saying just what he means, in a few words and then stopping, is well known in the council, or when welcoming a visitor to the school. "Severson's Year" will go down as one of the most successful the V.S.A. has enjoyed, and not the least of this success is due to the president himself. In his lighter moments, Lester has frequently entertained us at dances and lits with his guitar. An all round man, who gains by giving.

ROY HAWKINS—Lloydminster:

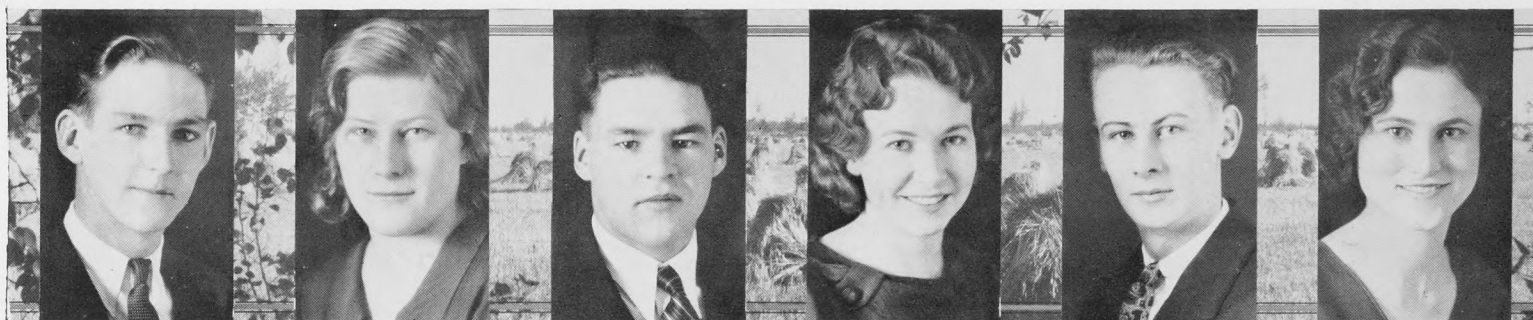
Roy faithfully waited over a year, while the V.S.A. was shut down, till he could come to Vermilion again to complete his course. He was unlucky enough to come back from his Christmas holidays with a dose of measles, which held him down for a bit. Famous as knife bender, Roy is always on the lookout to help the school and the other fellows, so has made a host of friends who sincerely regret the inevitable parting.

EDWARD SLOAN—Mannville:

At the "Little Royal" this year, Mr. Craig, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, stated: "Never have I seen blacksmith work, at any of the Agricultural Schools, to compare with that on exhibition today." The first prize work was a set of tools, hoof pincers, etc., made by Eddie out of old "Ford" axles. He is certainly a versatile man with his hands, and his head, and the condition of the bull he exhibited at the "Royal" was something to see and to be remembered. Coming from Ireland some ten years ago, Eddie is from a family who know the meaning of being thorough. We believe he has benefitted by the course here, and we have undoubtedly benefitted from having known him. As a farmer, he will be one of those at whom we can look with pride—a credit to himself and the V.S.A.

NORMAN HEATH—Lloydminster:

Norman is one of these unselfish chaps who is apt to hurt his own class standing through being so busy helping other folks. A product of the McLaughlin district which has sent so many fine students to the V.S.A., Norman took his first year at Olds last year, while we were closed down. A natural leader, Norman will make his mark as a farmer, and in other lines in his community.



Ernest Smith

Bertha Obermayer

Stanley Byrt

Jennie McCallum

Wm. Justyn Rigby

Christine Mackey

ERNEST SMITH—Edmonton:

From Edmonton comes Ernie Smith,
An athlete long and lank,
He's learned a thing or two, no doubt,
Between each dance and prank.

BERTHA OBERMAYER—Beauvallon:

This warm-hearted girl from the new country north of Innisfree has got a great deal out of the course here. In her quiet way she secured a special niche in the hearts of her little circle of friends, who all wish her well in the future.

STANLEY BYRT—Lloydminster:

Stan had a brain wave last fall, resulting in his arrival at V.S.A. He has entered into all student activities in a whole-hearted manner, and consequently has probably got as much out of his year as anyone. Stan could easily be developed into a really outstanding basketball player, as he is strong, active and knows how to keep his head and his temper. A real friend, and one who will make his mark.

JENNIE McCALLUM—Lamont:

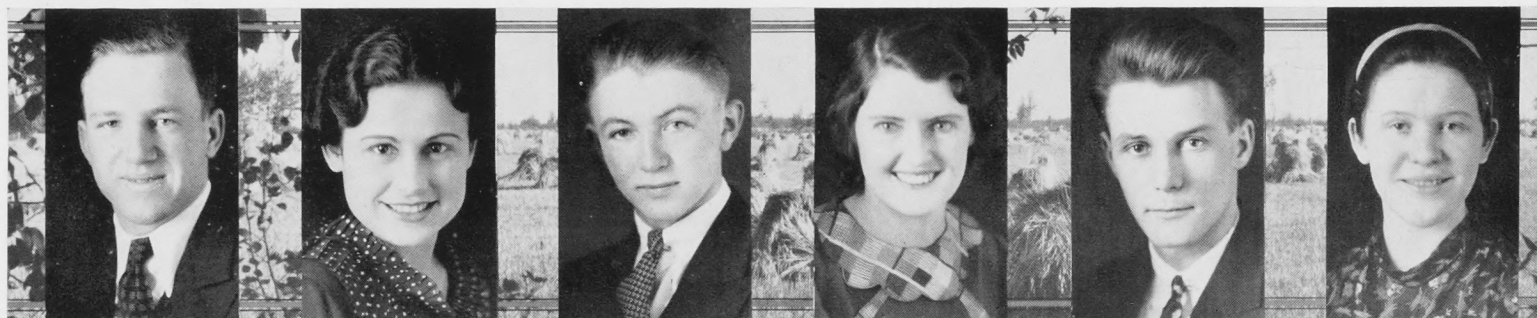
Jennie is one of our business women, having taken a secretarial course at Alberta College. Jennie refuses to be hurried and believes in an education consisting of varied experiences. Her abilities have been much appreciated in the west wing.

WM. JUSTYN RIGBY—Wembley:

Justyn is proceeding to make his home town even more famous, showing that Wembley can raise real men as well as championship quality grain. For several years Justyn's interest in the Junior Grain Clubs has been keen, and this year he reached the heights at the Chicago International with his wheat and oats. He is here as a scholarship winner from the Grain Clubs, and possesses a keen and analytical mind, and a capacity for taking pains. These traits ensure his success at the University, whither his steps are now bent. We look forward to hearing great things of Justyn, in the future, and wish him God speed.

CHRISTINE MACKEY—Sexsmith:

The president of our house committee is a cheerful, popular and active young lady. A scholarship winner of a year or two ago, Chris completed her high school work at Grand Prairie, taught a year, and then descended on the V.S.A. to take an active part in the life here. On the council, gym. committee and Alumni executive her council and aid has been valued and appreciated. A weakness for the kitchen has developed, and this may interfere with her teaching career. Good luck, anyway, Chris!



Archie Jeffrey

Mary Rodash

Harry Phelan

(Mrs.) Phyllis White

Gordon MacDonald

Alice O'Brien

ARCHIE JEFFREY—Vegreville:

A "coming" man is Archie,
An athlete and librarian,
A lad of Ruby complex, he,
Should make a worthy dairyman.

MARY RODASH—Willingdon:

A husky basketball enthusiast, Mary sprang into fame at the fall track meet, winning the girls' championship. She is also well known for "eating three meals a day, and stew between meals." Mixes her dates occasionally, but is otherwise a good cook, and will no doubt make good along this line.

HARRY PHELAN—Barrhead:

Irish to the backbone, and proud of it, though also a son of the west, Harry has certainly helped to keep things alive round the V.S.A. That twinkling eye of his, and engaging grin, has caused many a heart to flutter in the east wing. On the ice he has proved to be one of the real triers on the hockey team, a nuisance to opposing forwards. Susceptible to Burns, and gifted with a wonderful line, Harry will be welcome wherever he goes.

(MRS.) PHYLLIS WHITE—Vermilion:

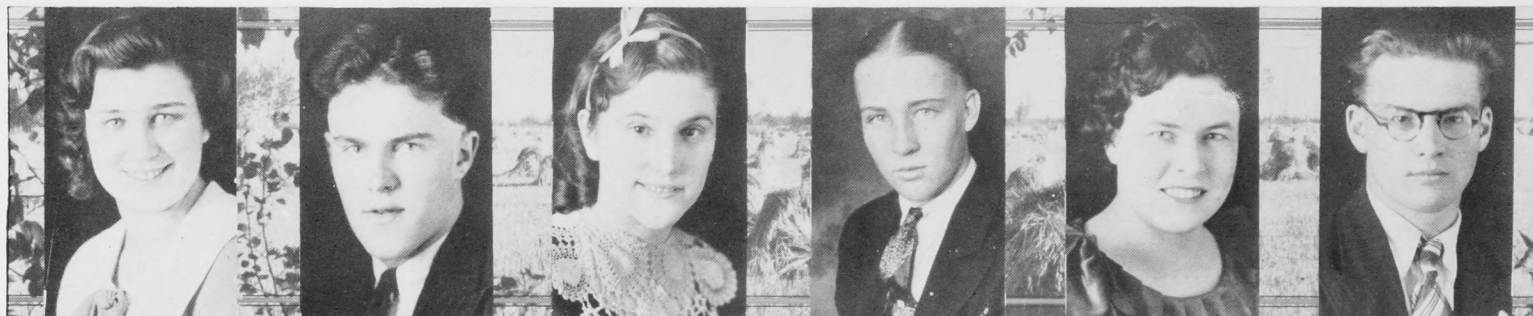
After an early education at Ponoka, Phyllis completed her high school work in the east, and after taking her normal at Camrose, taught for several years. The V.S.A. attracted her energies this winter, where she has made many friends and shown herself an accomplished student determined to get the most out of the course.

GORDON MacDonald—Fairview:

Gordon R. MacDonald awakened to this cruel world at Red Deer, Alberta, in 1915. Shortly after this the wee lad moved with his parents to Trochu, where his father farmed for several years. In 1928 he again moved with his parents, this time to Fairview, Alberta, an old and settled farming area in the Peace River country. Gordon is a popular "2-1." This bonny Scotch lad won many warm friends during his high school days at Fairview, and has continued to do so at the V.S.A. Gordon has abilities as a boxer and is active in gymnastics. Ambition: Bio-chemistry.

ALICE O'BRIEN—Barrhead:

Our youngest two-in-one, a short course scholarship winner of 1932, has smiled her way through an active and busy year. A good student, with a twinkle in her eye, Alice has mixed work and play in good proportion. She threatens to hike off to the far north, but we prophesy that some long-headed lad will stop that.



Betty Law

Stuart Bothwell

Pat Burns

Herbert T. Anderson

Edith McCrae

Gordon R. Blott

BETTY LAW—Vermilion:

A real home product with a grand Scotch ancestry, this bonnie lassie has won a warm place in all hearts. Her fine performance in the apartment was outstanding. She knows how to run things like that on oiled wheels. Betty doesn't catch popular diseases, and 50° below mornings see her appear as cheerful as ever, with her favorite saying: "Make yourself at home, boys!"

STUART BOTHWELL—Mannville:

This curly-headed laddie hails from Mannville, the district which has sent so many distinguished students to the V.S.A. An enthusiastic basketballer, he has coached and inspired his team of "Babes" to the top of the boys' league. Not quite so much at home in the east wing, Stuart carries on interesting 'phone conversations with his sister—or somebody—at home, and sometimes slips off for weekends. Stuart has the happy knack of getting along well with everyone, and is always right to the forefront in work or play.

MARY PATRICIA BURNS—Rochfort Bridge:

Pat, as we all know her, first saw daylight in Edmonton. After years of flitting around she settled at Rochfort Bridge. Pat doesn't believe in taking life too seriously so her room mate gives her an occasional lift. As a company promoter, Pat's assistance has been invaluable, and she will go down to fame as the best looking of the firm of B.B. & B.

HERBERT T. ANDERSON—Fairview:

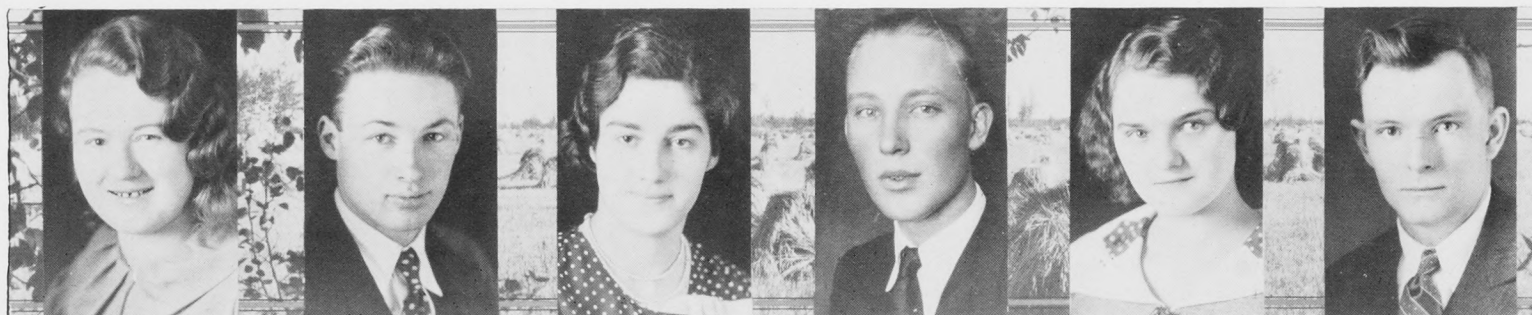
Herbie and his guitar will long be remembered by his fellow students. A high school graduate from Fairview he has nobly upheld the reputation of the Peace River country. His chief interest here has been the livestock both in the barns and the wings, and we predict a bright and successful future for him on the farm, or as a vet.

EDITH McCRAE—Vermilion:

Edith was born and educated in Vermilion. She took Normal at Edmonton, but this did not satisfy her soaring ambitions, so she decided to take the V.S.A. course. She has made herself popular by her pleasing and helpful disposition.
Ambition: Dramatics.
Weakness: Entertaining.
Favorite Saying: "Come down and see me sometime"—and do we accept?

GORDON R. BLOTT—Vermilion:

A Saskatchewan product, with as many homes as a gypsy. Aspires to be an M.D., for which he has spent one year at Varsity. Came to V.S.A. on opening day to look over the girls, and decided to stay, one of the two-in-one twerps and a member of the Editorial Staff.



Bernice Brewer

Tom Boyer

Ethel Sloan

C. Henry Anderson

Mary Kinasewich

W. Graham McFarlane

BERNICE BREWER—Elmworth:

Born in 1913 in Lethbridge and began her travels at an early age, moving to Bon City, thence to Elmworth. Received most of her education at Grande Prairie where she finally finished her Grade XII, and is now absorbing a two-in-one course at the V.S.A. Bernice is a good athlete, taking part in all sports and being the winner of the high jump at the annual Field Day. Her chief ambition is to become a nurse and we know that she will make a good one. Good luck, Bernice!

TOM BOYER—Vermilion:

Tom is like one of these old fashioned extreme bacon types, always poking around, and always ready to eat. That he has done this to some purpose is indicated by the fact that he is head and shoulders above us all. From this lofty aspect, he good-naturedly surveys his world, and finds that some of these little dears are rather sweet. Like his friend, Matt, he is a wise-cracker, though some of his jibes are maybe over our heads. Tom's future is uncertain, but we know it will be bright—his work as convener of the Social Committee shows that.

ETHEL SLOAN—Mannville:

This dark-eyed beauty is troubled with a conscience. When not looking after Eddie, she is busy keeping up with Beth or chaperoning her. A real Irish colleen with that fascinating touch of brogue and a smoky eye, her work has been outstanding, and her friendship worth gaining.

C. HENRY ANDERSON—Fairview:

"Hank" brought his little brother down to the V.S.A. to further his agricultural education and stayed with him right through the the measles. These two are a real pair of brothers, and have teamed up on many a jolly occasion to entertain the gang. Hank has a way with animals, and is no slouch with a hockey stick or baseball bat. In his modest way, Hank has caused a flutter in more than one feminine heart, though it is hard to say just where his own interests lie.

MARY KINASEWICH—Smoky Lake:

Mary smashed her first milk bottle in Northern Valley, Alberta, later moving to Smoky Lake where she received her education. Mary is one of our ablest basketball players and she takes an active part in all sports.
Ambition: To be a singer.
Weakness: A certain First Year.
Saying: "Hey! How do you like this?"

W. GRAHAM MCFARLANE—Grande Prairie:

W. Graham McFarlane started the ball rolling at Buffalo Lakes, near Sexsmith, one bleak February morn in 1913. After captivating the feminine population of Grande Prairie and Sexsmith he decided to try Vermilion. Here we enjoy his sincere and hearty friendship. He is popular with staff and students alike, and though quiet, he is always welcomed as one of the crowd.
Ambition: To see the world.
Weakness: Someone in Edmonton or Grande Prairie.
Favorite Saying: "Sh. . . ! The staff's looking."



Kathleen Young

Ramon Filipkowski

Beth Henderson

Mathew C. Brimacombe

Anna Marie Pokraka

J. Stewart Brimacombe

KATHLEEN YOUNG—Lloydminster:

Short and sweet and full of fun,
Liked? you bet, by every one.
Basketball and social too,
She's right there to see us through.
Ambition: To be a nurse. Then watch the boys get sick.
Favorite Saying: "I can't miss a free night."

RAMON FILIPKOWSKI—Vermilion:

This dark and handsome young man claims Vermilion as his home town for the time being, but we prophesy that he will move on soon, having a strong gypsy complex. Ramon is full of bright ideas, sometimes practical, and this gives him a good line. A good student, and vigorous basketball player, his violin selections will long be remembered by his friends at the V.S.A. Ramon will be heard from.

BETH HENDERSON—Mannville:

Few have contributed more this year for the benefit of the students than Beth. Having already three years teaching experience, she has obtained a steady first class in all her work and, at the same time, has been the main prop of the orchestra and a regular accompanist at the chapel service and Glee Club. We are all proud to have known you, Beth, and value your friendship.

MATTHEW C. BRIMACOMBE—Vermilion:

Matt has punned his way about Vermilion since 1913. Graduating from the Edmonton Normal School, he succumbed to the manifold attractions of the V.S.A., and the sight of Matt and his Jessie walking up and down the paths and sometimes into the snow drifts, has been an inspiration to us all. His favorite tree is the Hazel, and his famous huddlebuggy has been a welcome resort, sometimes for two, sometimes a crowd. A musician of parts, Matt has made himself a popular member of our lively two-in-ones.

ANNA MARIE POKRAKA—Holden:

Anna is a capable waitress and at the same time she has managed to keep a good class standing. With a leaning towards farm life, she will be a real home maker. We can picture Anna in her gingham dress feeding the chickens, and nursing the young lambs, on her own place. Good luck, Anna Marie!

J. STEWART BRIMACOMBE—Vermilion:

Stew is a laddie with a keen sense of humour, and an unselfish enthusiasm for every worth while project at the V.S.A. No lover of the spotlight, his loyal support of the orchestra, at dances and chapel, his dramatic and debating talents, his basketball and gym. work, his conduct as President of the Versatile Club and Editor-in-chief of this Year Book, indicate the tremendous contribution he has made for our general welfare. At the same time he is always at or near the head of the class. Whether "Stew" continues teaching or not, our very best wishes go with him, and we count it a privilege to have his friendship.



Mrs. Esswein

Leslie Geake

MRS. ESSWEIN—

This friend of ours came to V.S.A. from the wilds of the far away Peace. There she and her husband live ten miles from their nearest neighbor and thirty miles from the nearest post office. Thus the life they lead is very different from ours. In this far away district Mrs. Esswein's cheery disposition, absolute unselfishness and willingness to help others has made her a host of friends. Nor are her friends confined to her district alone, for Mrs. Esswein has been both a popular and influential member of our two-in-one class. She left a month before the end of term to fly home by air, an enthusiastic "booster" for the V.S.A. In her we feel a real link with the north country.

LESLIE GEAKE—Riverton:

Every year sees the arrival of one or two outstanding individuals at our school; these young men or women contribute something out of their personalities to the well-being of their fellow students. The V.S.A. owes much to such as Leslie Geake, and though unable to point proudly to him as one of their illustrious graduates, owing to his leaving to accept a teaching appointment before the end of the session, regard him with affectionate regard as an ex-student, who will always prove to be a credit to himself and his Alma Mater.

Burton: "I've worked out this question six times."

Mr. Malaher: "That's fine."

Burton: "And here are my six answers."

Herbert: "I asked her if I could see her home."

Gordon: "What happened?"

Herbert: "She said she would send me a picture of it."

Student: "Hello, Percy! What's this you are making?"

Percy: "Cottage Pie."

Same Student (after supper): "I guess you were right, Percy, I found the foundation stone."

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The V.S.A. Alumni Association

AS YOU review, in this book, the memorable days you spent at the V.S.A. we hope you will pause for a moment to think of The Alumni Association which continues where the Year Book ends.

In making this small contribution to the Year Book we realize the excellent opportunity afforded to review the past history of this organization; to outline its aims and objects, and to extend a sincere and hearty invitation to all students to join with us.

In 1915 the foundations for the present association were laid by the first graduating class whose members drafted the constitution and set out its aims and objects. That the constitution and the aims of the association should remain practically the same throughout the past twenty years is a splendid tribute to the spirit and the earnestness with which the first group carried on their work.

It was the hope of that early organization to unite all students and ex-students for social purposes; to promote annual reunions; to keep ex-students in touch with activities of the Agricultural School; to advance the cause of Agricultural education, and the development of rural home life within the province, and to urge the graduates to continue the study of Agriculture along the lines laid down at the school.

In many ways their hopes have been realized. Today we find our ex-students in all walks of life. Some are making their contribution as practical farmers and taking an active part in community life, others as professional agriculturalists are doing their part in research and extension work.

Today, our hopes, our aims and objects with certain modifications are the same as in 1915. It is true that agriculture has advanced rapidly in the past twenty years. We may not face some of the problems that confronted the students twenty years ago—new ones may have taken their place—but it is still our duty to solve them.

We are planning to carry on our work with the Radio; to consider seed distribution and seed fair activities; to continue to distribute fruit and other tree cuttings, and to organize an annual reunion. A Summer Reunion will probably be dispensed with, for the coming season, if our plans for a birthday celebration next November are successful.

In November, 1934, the Olds School of Agriculture held its coming of age celebration and reunion. With the approval of the Department of Agriculture, the assistance of the Vermilion School staff, and the co-operation of the Alumni Association, it is hoped that a similar celebration can be arranged for Vermilion. The actual date for this gathering will be set later. However, plans are being laid and arrangements made for the occasion.

The Alumni Association performs a very real service in keeping alive the spirit of enthusiasm for the V.S.A. and its work. It can be of greater assistance to the school if its members encourage new students to attend.

Remember, this is YOUR organization. Its success will depend upon your cooperation, and your efforts to give material assistance. Membership fees are necessary for the association to carry on its work. We are looking forward with pleasure to have you join with us in building up the Alumni.

PETER WYLLIE, President.



The Golden Opportunity

A PARABLE, by Barbara Villy Cormack

OLD MRS. ALBERTA was worried, distinctly worried, she worried about it all the time she baked, and scrubbed, and swept, and did her spring cleaning, and she kept on worrying even after she tumbled into bed at nights. She was trying to decide what to give all her children for graduation gifts.

You see, the spring is such a time for graduation of one sort and another. There are the University students, Normal students, High School students, nurses—and, first of all to come out, all the farm boys and girls who have been attending the Schools of Agriculture. “I must think up something specially good for them,” said Mrs. Alberta. So she got out her big catalogue—in which she always found her presents and gifts—and ran her finger down the index. It was the Catalogue of Opportunity. A few years ago the little old lady had had nothing to worry about. The catalogue had solved all her graduation gift problems for her. In it were hundreds and thousands of Opportunities all ready and waiting for the young people as they graduated—and a choice for each of them. Here were teaching opportunities, professional opportunities in medicine, law, nursing, and the like, opportunities to make good money farming—all shapes and sizes of opportunities, to be had for the asking. Today, though, as the little old lady peered at the index through her spectacles, there was a difference. Most of the opportunities had shrunk so much that you could hardly see them. A lot of them seemed to have disappeared altogether. What were left seemed to be priced so high that Mrs. Alberta shook her head over them sadly. Even with the savings she kept in the old sock she couldn’t manage anything like that. She just put her head down in her arms on the table, and had a good cry.

“They’ll just have to go without,” she sobbed. “There are hardly any more opportunities left. There doesn’t seem to be any work left for them to do any more.”

Suddenly there was a tap-tapping at the door. The little old lady put up her head and listened; outside a little voice was laughing away as hard as ever it could. “Let me in, I say,” said the voice. “Let me in. That’s a good joke, that is. . . . No more work left to do. . . . No more work left to do. Ha! ha! ha! ha!” The laughter was so hearty that old Mrs. Alberta found herself laughing too, as she hurried to undo the latch. In marched a cheery little fellow, dressed from head to foot in bright gold cloth that glittered in the sunlight. “Come, come,” he chuckled, “Don’t you recognize an Opportunity when he knocks at your door, old lady?” Mrs. Alberta peered at him through her specs. “You’re a new kind,” she said. “I don’t remember ordering any like you before.”

“No,” said the sprite, drawing himself up to his full height, “I am unique. I am the Golden Opportunity, and I have come to offer myself and my brothers—any amount of us you may specify in your order—as graduation gifts for all your children.”

The old lady delightfully clapped her hands. “What do you offer them?” she asked.

“Offer them! my good woman. Why, seriously you don’t really believe the nonsense you were just saying, do you? That there is no work left for them to do?”

“That is what they all tell us,” said Mrs. Alberta, sorrowfully.

“It’s just utter nonsense,” said the sprite. “Have all the things been invented now? Don’t the people on the farms need any more comforts than they’re getting? Are there enough schools, and colleges, and hospitals? Does everybody get all the education, and the leisure time, and the medical care they really should have? Have all the books been written, and all the gardens planted, and all the pictures painted? Nonsense, my good woman. There is all kinds of work to do”

“And where do you come in?” said Mrs. Alberta.

“I,” said the sprite, “Am the the Golden Opportunity of Service. Never before had there been such an opportunity for young people as the present time. There is lots of work to do. That the professions and trades seem to be full is just because things are all so muddled up. There are lots more teachers needed, lots more nurses, lots more good farmers. The trouble today exists because we don’t seem able to distribute their services widely enough. But that is man’s fault. You can’t blame it on our Opportunity Catalogue.”

“What can the young people do with this Golden Opportunity?” said the little old lady.

“They can use the training they have, and the knowledge they have to think sanely about things, and help to bring the old sick world out of the mess she’s in. The worse times are, you know, the bigger is the opportunity to make them better. Nothing to do, indeed! I’m surprised at you, old lady.”

Mrs. Alberta smiled happily. “And will all the young graduates use you, Golden Opportunity?” she asked.

The sprite smiled. “That is for them to say,” he said, slowly. “The Opportunity will be theirs, but we cannot force them to take it.”

Mrs. Alberta was quickly scribbling out an order form. “I want a rush order,” she said, “One Golden Opportunity for each graduate of the Schools of Agriculture—the best graduation gift I have ever given!”



IN ACCEPTING once more the invitation to address the students of the Vermilion School of Agriculture through the medium of their Year Book, it is my desire to give a lead to their thoughts for the future, and to point the way to a real contribution which they, on account of their attendance at the School, should be in a position to make towards the welfare of their own communities—or in a wider sphere.

My experience has convinced me that there has never been a time when the rural people were in a more receptive mood with respect to the adoption of new and sound agricultural policies, than they are at present.

The members of the staff of the Department of Agriculture, whose responsibility it is to make direct contact with the public, have been impressed with the unmistakable evidence of this, and with the changed attitude on the part of the public towards the agricultural industry. May I say that this is an exceedingly healthy sign, and perhaps is a natural result of the depressed conditions through which we have been passing.

Our farmers, naturally, have adopted a high standard of living for themselves and their families. This is characteristic of farmers in all Anglo-Saxon countries, and has been developed over a long period of time. When economic conditions require a reduction in the standard of living amongst rural people, there is a reaction which finds expression in the desire to change the present system to one which will permit of a more adequate return for labor and capital invested. Unless this return can be increased by some means, there must continue to be unrest and disturbed conditions—not only amongst the farmers themselves, but amongst all other classes of the community whose prosperity and comfort bears a very close relationship to that of farming, in a country, the economic background of which is so largely agricultural.

Some of the best thoughts of Canada have been brought to bear on this important question, and much progress is being made. A number of new and promising policies have been adopted, and others are in the course of development, but in the main we must blaze our own trail according to conditions which exist in our own particular country.

Those whose responsibility it is to create and administer new policies, will always welcome the advice and counsel of any one who can bring



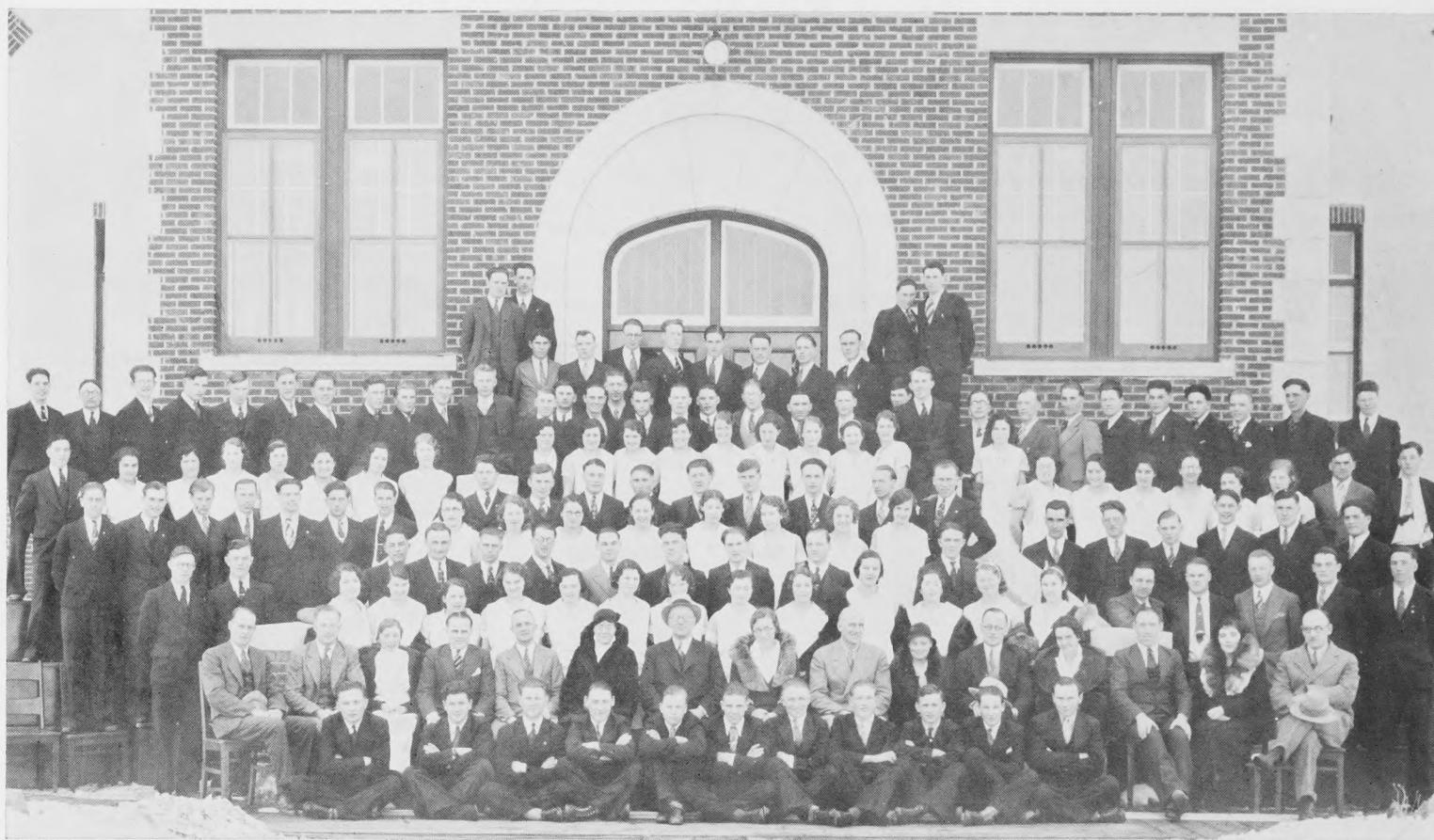
H. A. CRAIG
Deputy Minister of Agriculture

the process of sound thinking to bear upon the problems involved. It is only through the united efforts of people representing the whole structure of the agricultural industry that the soundest policies will be developed, and the greatest benefits accrue. I have found that when one Branch of the industry undertakes to secure too large a share of the ultimate value of the products of the farm, most naturally there is a reaction from those, who as a consequence, have to accept returns which are inadequate. Without doubt farmers have not received a fair share of the ultimate value of their product. This has come about largely because of the fact that they have not been organized properly to look after their own particular interests. There is every indication that this will now be changed, through the efforts of the farmers themselves under the provisions of the new Marketing Act.

During the past few months I have been impressed with the tremendous responsibility which is now about to devolve upon the leaders in new fields of agricultural development. If we are to proceed wisely and on a sound basis, it would appear that haste should be made somewhat slowly. It is of the utmost importance that there shall be an informed rural public. When the public is in possession of all the facts, it is seldom wrong in its decisions. One of the greatest problems facing rural Alberta today is the problem of carrying correct and complete information to the great body of farmers, respecting the rapidly changing conditions of affairs, which condition will so vitally affect their whole future. It is with this object in view that I appeal to the students and ex-students of the Schools of Agriculture: to set yourselves the task, and to accept the serious responsibility of studying a number of these vital questions, so that you will be in a position to take your place in the intelligent discussion of these problems, whenever opportunity is afforded. Through your contacts at the School, and through reading and studying, you have had a chance to secure a grasp of conditions which has been denied to many other young people. It may be that your talents and inclinations will lead you into the study and promotion of some production problem, rather than that of the marketing of farm products. It may be that you are especially fitted to give leadership or supervision to some worthwhile activity other than those just mentioned. Let me emphasize, however, that you cannot hope to spread your energies over a very wide field and make a worthwhile contribution to any one. Better make a choice of something in which you are particularly interested, and for which you are especially adapted, make a study of every angle, and you will find that you are not only getting more out of life, but that you are in a position to give more to it.

May I draw particularly to your attention the great opportunity there is for students and ex-students of the Schools in connection with boys' and girls' club work. I have just returned from Toronto and Chicago Shows, where I saw a very large number of boys and girls in attendance who represented the Club activities in both countries. At Chicago there were between thirteen and fourteen hundred present. I was impressed with the tremendous possibility of training the growing boys and girls through Club work, and influencing them in such a way as to make them vastly more useful citizens than would otherwise be the case. Those present were only a small

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STAFF AND STUDENTS, 1934-35

(It is to be regretted that several were absent when this group was taken on account of sickness.)



« « « The Community Theatre » » »

"The spirit of a nation, if it is to find full expression, must include a national drama."—Bessborough, 1933.

THE INTEREST in community play-acting has become so general in the past few years that it strikes people as being surprisingly new.

When one considers, however, that drama had its inception in the natural vigor and vitality of rural and village life, it seems only reasonable that after the last quarter century of elaborate, artificial and highly commercialized show houses, it should go back to the source from whence it sprang to be refreshed, revived and strengthened. The money changers' theatre is an elaborately housed institution but the people's theatre is an ageless idea, springing ever fresh from the hearts of humanity. Consequently the feeling one has in teaching the technique of theatrical art is not so much that of teaching a new art as assisting at a renaissance of an old one.

As our new communities become more conscious of the possibilities of their own lives there is little wonder that they turn to discover what the ancient art of the drama can do for them.

For drama is not as the other arts—a painter can work at his easel alone, a sculptor may chisel his marble in solitude, and a composer needs only himself and his instrument to achieve his solemn mystery. But drama is communal and composite. It needs a playwright, an initiator, craftsmen and an audience, before it can begin to fulfill its glorious appointment with life.

A volume could be written about the influence of plays on community life. The reading and interpretation of drama constitutes one of the most potent impulses towards the establishment of a more unified culture. It affords a stimulus to intellectual activity and discussion. It develops in its participants a more intense consciousness of man's struggle for truth, a deeper appreciation of beauty, a more discriminating evaluation of life. It quickens the interest, heightens the perceptions and broadens the outlook of those who make it an integral part of community life.

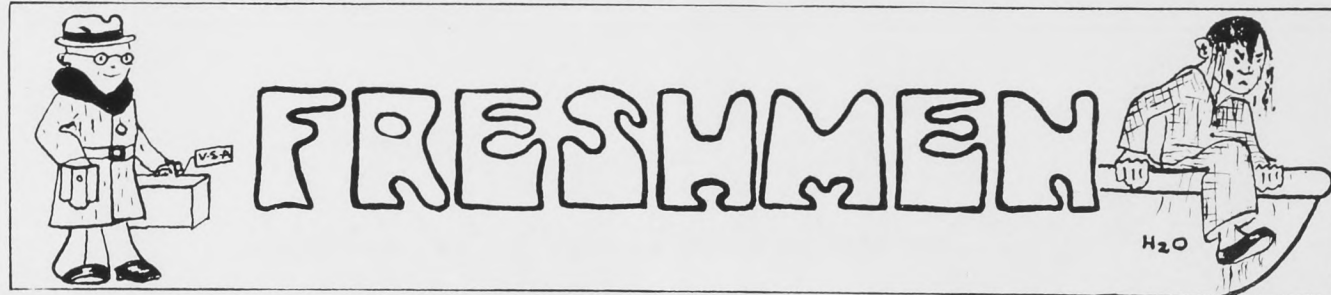
Walter de la Mare has said, "The world is any man's; and apparently inexhaustible, but all that we know of it is what has been transmuted in the substance of the mind. We make of it what we imagine." The Community Theatre, more than any other medium, can enrich the imaginative experience

of those who take part in it; and because of its alliance with the arts of music and the dance, of poetry and of painting, it may become an active stimulus to creative activity in any of these fields. Yet it is nearer than any of these to the deeper consciousness of humanity. With each new age drama has taken on new aspects; it has known defeat and exaltation, shame and triumph; but from the beginning its highest purpose has been to reveal the life and spirit of man.

In Alberta in the past few years the interest in the community theatre has been keen. In a world of uncertainty people are turning more and more to those things which have a permanent value and they are discovering anew the fascination of the theatre. They have found that a lasting pleasure is to be gained from the interpretation of plays that possess significance and beauty. They have found too that such plays can be done simply, without elaborate scenery or costume; that it is possible to achieve effects of great beauty through the thoughtful employment of simple materials.

There has been too, in this province, a growing realization of the place of drama in the schools, and from the schools we may expect a powerful impetus towards the growth of vital national drama. It is necessary for leaders in community theatre to have a developed appreciation of dramatic writing, a sympathetic and sound comprehension of life, and a technical proficiency, coupled with imaginative insight, that will enable them to interpret a play with sincerity and truth. The student who attains these qualities in school or college will bring to his community something for which there is a definite need. The effort expended in producing a play that provokes thought, a play that has power or beauty, whether it be comedy, tragedy, or melodrama, is not lost but gives rise to a renewed appreciation of living. The production of such plays engenders thought in the fields of economics, government, philosophy, morals, and world citizenship, for such is the stuff that modern drama is made of—just as it is the stuff that modern life is made of. It is through those individuals who have learned well the crafts of the theatre and who have pledged their faith to its high purpose, that our community drama may come to express the spirit of this people.

ELIZABETH STERLING HAYNES.



FIRST YEAR LASSIES

THE 1934-'35 term opened with an excellent enrollment of freshmen and freshettes who gathered from far and near eager for the winter's fun, and full of enthusiasm. At first we felt strange in our new surroundings, so far from home, but this feeling soon wore off and we settled down to work and play together.

Initiation this year worked no hardships on the girls, and very little on the boys, the reason being that the first year class outnumbered the second year by about ten to one. However, we were soon on the best of terms with the senior class, among whom we made many friends.

About twenty of our number thought it cheaper to stay down town than in the dormitory. They courageously faced thirty or forty below zero weather and knee deep drifts twice a day. We, in our snug residence did



SOME FIRST YEAR LADDIES

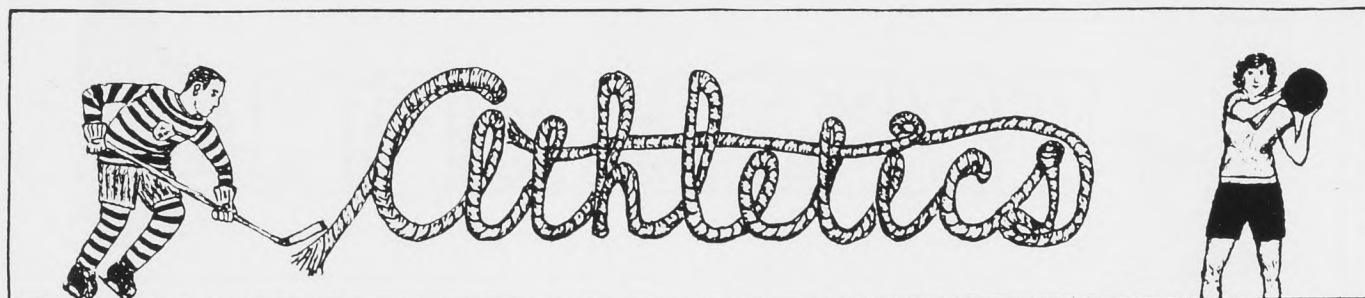
not envy them their long walk, but perhaps they suffered fewer colds than we, at that.

On Field Day this year, one of our members, John Lazaruk, carried off the honors. Later we were well represented on the hockey team by Joe Kallal, Paul Therrien, Jack Good, Jack and Vernon Willis, and Frank Rolheiser, the trusty goalkeeper.

It is with a feeling of regret that we realize our first year is drawing to a close; however, we hope with many others to continue our course next year. In closing may we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the staff for their assistance in making this a very happy and successful year.

HELEN HART.

(A complete list of Freshmen and their addresses will be found on page 35.)



AS IN former years, athletics have received their due share of time and interest. With a fine open fall, most of the November gym. periods took the form of out-door soft-ball contests, and several embryo Babe Ruths and Dizzy Deans were unearthed.

The Track Meet saw a fine clean cut collection of athletes displaying their prowess—the photo of the individual track champions will be found on another page.

As the days shortened and the weather got colder, our energies were directed to repairing and flooding the rink, and to gymnasium activities, chiefly volleyball and basketball. The latter was as popular as ever, and got a good "boost" when Charlie and Syd. Mitchell, star performers of a few years ago, brought a squad of lively young athletes from Lloydminster, to play our boys. The Mitchell "Midgets" were just a little too experienced for the V.S.A. students, and emerged victors of a splendid game, in which our team showed lots of spirit and individual ability, but insufficient combination, as this was their first appearance as a team.

Owing to a bout of sickness we were unfortunately unable to engage in any other outside games, but confined ourselves to the House League Basketball. This proved more popular than ever, the teams being very evenly matched. The conclusion of the league schedule found Bothwell's "Babes," Larsen's "Vikings," and Therrien's "Canadiens" bunched at the top, while only a game behind were Pankew's "Tufguys," Jeffrey's "Bulldogs," and Bradley's "Guides," this indicating the closeness of the league. An account of the final will be found elsewhere.

The girls were unable to complete their league schedule owing to sickness, which was unfortunate as there were four good teams. They played several games with the local high school girls, which they generally emerged victorious by a narrow margin. Mary Kinasewich was probably the most finished player, and other outstanding performers were Lena Shandro, Alice O'Brien, Pat Burns, Mary Federuk, Mary Rodash, and Chris Mackey. We are looking for a real girls' team next season.

THE hockey team again entered the Civic League and also played a number of exhibition games.

It was apparent from general opinion that the team would not be very strong but the boys were willing to learn and together with team spirit and cooperation proved differently. Before the end of the season they certainly showed what they could do and after a poor start came within one point

of the playoffs. The boys in their new uniforms of black and green and gold looked very neat and along with playing good clean hockey were worth while watching.

One of the best games played was against Lloydminster High School. It was fast and clean and was witnessed by a large number of fans. The game ended, in a win for the V.S.A. and being the last game was a fitting finish to a successful season. The school was represented by the following:

Goal: Frank Rolheiser.

Defence: Joe Kallal and Archie Jeffrey.

Forwards: Torlief Larsen, Jackie Good, Paul Therrien, Harry Phelan, Vernon Willis and Ernie Smith.

Spares: Tom Boyer, Bennie Flaade, Jack Willis, Paul Pankew and Bill Kowalchuk.

Manager: Mr. A. Wilson.

Coach: Mr. E. Jones.

Frank was one of the reasons for the team's good showing.

Joe, captain of the team, was one of the outstanding players.

Archie played good defensive hockey.

Torlief was the scoring punch.

Jack, the best back checker.

Paul, the most improved player.

Harry, the cleanest player.

Vernon, the steadiest player.

Ernie was improving every game.

Tom, Bennie, Jack, Paul and Bill were always there to help.

We are very sorry to see Archie, Torlief, Harry, Ernie and Tom leaving the school and we wish them every success. Their places will be hard to fill but we hope to try with new students this fall.

The House League was won by John McCarty's "Fliers" after a hectic playoff series against the "Bulls." The winning team won the first game 6-0, lost the next 2-1, and came through the third 4-0.

The outstanding game of the season at the school rink was played when the students challenged the staff. Needless to say the staff came out the winners by a score of 3-0, the students finding it impossible to beat Mr. Elliott in goal—or was it the array of nurses, doctors and stretchers that put them off?



SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM

Standing: F. ROLHEISER, J. KALLAL, E. SMITH, P. THERRIEN, E. W. CORMACK, P. PANKIEW,
B. FLADDE, T. BOYER, W. KONALCHUK.
Seated: T. LARSON, H. PHELAN, E. JONES (Coach), PRINCIPAL ELLIOTT, A. H. WILSON
(Manager), A. GEFREY, J. GOOD.



BASKETBALL CAPTAINS

Standing: J. LAZARUK, C. KITTLE, W. BRADLEY, E. W. CORMACK, P. THERRIEN,
W. KOWALCHUK, B. FLAIDE.
Seated: MISS C. MACKEY, A. JEFFREY, MISS L. SHANDRO, MISS M. KINASEWICH, T. LARSON,
MISS M. RODASH. Front: P. PANKIEW, S. BOTHWELL.



GYMNASIUM COMMITTEE

MISS I. MOULDER, MISS M. KINASEWICH
T. LARSON, A. JEFFREY, P. PANKIEW,
J. LAZARUK

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Standing: MISS B. GEORGE, MISS M. RODASH,
MISS L. SHANDRO
Seated: R. HAWKINS, E. SMITH, T. BABIUK,
J. KALLAL.



GYMNASIUM CLASS



SOCIAL AND LITERARY



VISITORS to the School, other than those invited by the Versatile Club, were not so numerous as in previous years. However, we were pleased to welcome one or two old friends as well as several we had not met before. Among the latter, Dr. Dyde of Edmonton, will be remembered for his scholarly yet entertaining address, early in the term.

A very remarkable picture on Bees was brought to Vermilion by S. O. Hilerud, Provincial Apiarist, and a special showing arranged at the local theatre. Mr. H. A. Craig, Deputy Minister, visited the school early in the term and again later at the time of the Little Royal. Early in the New Year Mrs. Haynes spent an all too short evening with the Dramatic Club. Dr. P. Talbot, Provincial Veterinarian, called down to lecture at the school several times, and on one occasion was accompanied by Mr. Colin Groff who showed several delightful moving pictures on Animal Life and Mountain Scenery. We have still to look forward to a visit from our Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Grisdale, and possibly one or two others.

THE VERSATILE CLUB was again reorganized shortly after the commencement of term with a membership of one hundred and seventy-five, practically every student becoming a member.

The first speaker to address the club was Rev. P. C. Lindsay of Mannville, who gave us a lecture on his three years as missionary in Tristian de Cuhna, a small island in the South Atlantic. As we listened, we sensed the complete isolation of this tiny isle and the absolute content in which the people lived.

Mr. Donald Cameron, of the University, was our next speaker and he, too, gave a lantern lecture, his subject being, "The Danish Folk Schools." Mr. Cameron held his audience most closely for the entire evening and impressed us with the part these schools have played in the building up of a strong national and community spirit, in that small but progressive nation.

Later in the term Mr. J. Edgar, former instructor on the staff, kindly consented to give an evening lecture on the subject of "Life Insurance."

On February 19th Mr. R. E. Ruff of Vermilion entertained us with his magical powers, creating a good deal of laughter and much conjecture as to where everything disappeared.

At the time of going to press, the club is looking forward to the possible visit of other speakers, including our old friend Mr. Corbett. In closing, the executive wish to thank all members for their support, and to express the hope that those returning will carry on the good work.

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JIG, jog! jig, jog! jig-a-jog-jee! Thus did our newest club of the V.S.A. start its interesting career in the fall of '34. Under the able direction of Mr. W. Elford this friendly little group of some thirty members met together nearly every Sunday afternoon to pass a pleasant hour in song. Such songs as "The Three Merry Travellers," "I Want Someone to Give Me a Pony," "A Merry Life," not to forget the old favorites, "Good King Wenceslas" and "Drink to Me Only" will long be remembered with pleasure by those who attended. May the Glee Club flourish, and may others in the future express through it the "joie de vivre."

NEVER before has the V.S.A. had such an orchestra. Take this any way you wish. Most of us will always associate such tunes as "In the Valley of the Moon" and "A Voice in the Old Village Choir" with tender memories of the V.S.A. moonlight waltzes, and the orchestra which provided the music for so many of our informal dances. A curious feature was the fact that they often played better without a practice, and then got stage fright when they plunged into the actual dances after practising assiduously. To the whole orchestra personnel, and to Beth Henderson and Stewart Brimacombe in particular, the thanks of the whole student body is due.

THE histrionic ability of the students was well above average. Students of 1934-35 will long remember the delightful singing of Mary Kinase-wich and Lena Shandro,—to mention only two out of many,—the dark songs with banjo and violin accompaniments of Bill Palmer, Sam Wirth, and Elwyn Gilpin; the "squeeze-box" selections of the popular Lester Severson, and the dramatic French-Canadian recitations of Frank Bruce, Harold Schultz and other capable students could give pointers to many in the efficient and smooth conducting of a meeting, while the performances of Beth Henderson as accompanist will be remembered with gratitude and appreciation by artists and audiences alike.

During the spring term the usual series of "Competitive Lits" was held, and after a series of first-class entertainments, the "X" Division of the first year boys, under the chairmanship of Charlie Kallal, emerged as winners. We all join in congratulating them on winning the coveted shield.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lester Severson and his Council on their able work, which has been appreciated by students and staff alike.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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F. BRUCE, Miss I. MOULDER, Miss G. Mc-
ARTHUR, B. SEALE

LITERARY COMMITTEE
Miss B. HENDERSON, Miss M. McLEAN
E. GILPIN, Miss B. GEORGE J. RIGBY,
H. SCHULTZ



STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Standing: W. TENNANT, B. FLAADE, PRINCIPAL ELLIOTT, T. BOYER, E. SMITH.
Seated: J. RIGBY, Miss C. MACKEY, L. SEVERSON (President), Miss R. CUMMINGS, A. JEFFREY



GLEE CLUB



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

E. W. CORMACK, G. SMITH, S. BRIMACOMBE, G. WILSON, M. BRIMACOMBE,
Miss B. HENDERSON, F. ROGICH, R. JONES.



FIELD DAY CHAMPIONS
E. SMITH, MISS M. RODASH, J. LAZARUK

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portion of the whole number. In Canada the Club membership is approximately 30,000, and is growing every year. I believe it is the finest piece of work which is being done in connection with the improvement of rural life. Its progress is determined at the present time, not by the money available, but definitely by the extent to which leadership can be secured. Last year, in Alberta, there were 109 Grain Clubs with a membership of 1,500, and 79 Livestock Clubs with a membership of 1,600. This number could have been materially increased, and the Clubs operated could have been made much more effective, had there been competent local leadership. Some of these Clubs failed entirely because leadership was lacking. May I say that this is a challenge to the young men and young women who have attended the Schools of Agriculture and who are in a position to give some time and attention to a work that will not only benefit themselves, but which will supply a need, that up to the present time the Department has not been able to meet.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is proposing to develop along a new line in connection with The Women's Home Bureau Service. Here again it has not been possible to meet the demand for demonstrations in



VERSATILE CLUB EXECUTIVE
J. RIGBY, S. BRIMACOMBE, C. KITTLE, H. SCHULTZ

Home Economics by expert demonstrators. The cost has been too great. It has been decided to try out a new system of Local Leadership Courses, through which local leaders will be trained in special schools, or Short Courses held throughout the country. At these school centres a number of local leaders will be invited to attend from various districts. Experts in some particular line will be present, to give demonstrations and present an outline of the course. In turn these local leaders will be asked to conduct a similar course in their respective local districts. This system has been tried out elsewhere with excellent results.

Finally, let me say that the future holds a splendid challenge to the young man and young woman of this country. Many of the old systems that served so well in the past, are fast becoming obsolete. We need the assistance of younger minds with the enthusiasm, energy and activity provided by youth, to join with those of adult years, with all that maturity gives in poise, balance and experience. This will help to bring about happier and more prosperous times. In that great task I feel confident that you will take your place creditably as ex-students of the Schools of Agriculture.

—H. A. CRAIG.



By Their Works Ye Shall Know Them



Mr. William Barr

A word about the dairy herd. Bill has developed a first class herd of Holsteins, all but two old matrons being of his own raising. The barn, a modern and well planned one, houses twenty-four cows, every one of which is capable of beating 10,000 lbs. of milk per annum at maturity, having an average fat test of over 4%. Every animal is T.B. tested and the herd fully accredited. While he only shows locally, Bill has individual cows whose lines, capacity and type make them capable of holding their own in any show ring. He is one of those rather scarce individuals who really understand how to feed farm animals, as a glance at the rugged young colts he is raising, or the growthy and active heifers will show.

An object lesson close to the school, such as Mr. and Mrs. Barr's farm home, is a great inspiration to the students and staff alike. Such an object lesson at one's door lends force to the teachings of successful agriculture and home-making, which is not lost on any of us.

While the majority of our ex-students, men and women alike, are found happily engaged on the land, a proportion carry their college education farther, and many are to be found as leaders of thought and learning, on the staffs of our universities, engaged in research work, in the political fields, and as leading administrators and economists.

TO GET a fair perspective of the results effected by a school such as ours, an impartial survey should be made of the lives and actions of our past students. At such a time as this, when the Vermilion School of Agriculture is celebrating its twenty-first birthday, the sight of farm homes such as that of Mr. William Barr, a member of the first graduating class at the school, gives one a justifiable glow of pride. We can surely claim a small share in such a result, though of course the will to do and the imagination and industry to act were obviously there in the first place.

"Bill" and Mrs. Barr farm just across the road to the west of the school farm, and the whole layout—and the gracious, friendly and cosy home, so ably presided over by Mrs. Barr—gives one an inkling of the source of inspiration and incentive which have enabled Bill to get such grand results. Everything shows the effect of careful planning. The site of the steading is just south-east from a sharp knoll, partly covered with a poplar bluff. This breaks the cold north-west winter winds and lends a touch of asymmetry, into which is blended the shelter belts of spruce, poplar, caragana, etc., which shield the gardens and the house. All this tree planting and laying out of gardens has not been done in a day, as the different ages of the trees and shrubs will tell—a plan has obviously been followed, and a definite amount of progressive work undertaken and accomplished every year. The result now—a blending of beauty and utility—is an inspiration to the large number of students who make an annual outing in their Animal Husbandry, Farm Management, and Dairy classes, and enjoy Mr. and Mrs. Barr's hospitality.



Dr. J. W. Hopkins

The still youthful Dr. J. W. Hopkins came to the school here a scant ten years ago, an alert, industrious and enthusiastic member of the class. "Jack," as he will always familiarly be known by his friends here, left the V.S.A. in a shower of glory, and proceeded to the University of Alberta in the fall of 1926. In 1929 he graduated as B.Sc. in Agriculture, getting first class honors and winning the coveted Governor General's Gold Medal for highest standing in his year. He also won the Vallee French Prize. Engaging in research work, Jack was awarded his Master's degree in the spring of 1931, and won one of the famous 1851 scholarships enabling him to proceed to the Rothamstead Experimental Station, England, and carry on his work in biological research. Such ability was not allowed to be lost to Canada, and another year saw Jack back in Ottawa, as Biologist on the staff of the National Research Council, a position he still holds. Recognition of his abilities and work was shown by the conferring on him of the Ph.D. degree by the Faculty of Science, of the University of London, England.

If genius is the capacity for taking infinite pains, surely we can claim to see such genius in the personality of Jack Hopkins. However, this brief article is not for the purpose of glorifying him as an individual, so much as to indicate that the Vermilion School of Agriculture has good cause to be proud of many of her sons and daughters, and she has cause to believe that in helping to prepare some of Alberta's young people for the game of life, she is doing her part.

—E.W.C.



Gleanings

(CLASS '15-'18)

N. F. Bell, '15, we believe the first student to register at the V.S.A., is now in charge of Illustration Stations in the northern part of Alberta and Saskatchewan. **S. Barnes**, '17, is Assistant Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Farm, Swift Current. **J. G. Clark** of the same year is a field supervisor with the Soldier Settlement Board. **W. M. Fleming**, '16, holds the position of Horticulturist at the Experimental Farm, Saanichton, B.C. **W. Hawkins**, '17, is to be found farming at Strome. **G. M. Williams**, '17, farms near Ponoka where he is an agent for the U.F.A. His wife will be remembered by class '18 as **Lola Richardson** of Vegreville. **Beth Wetherbe**, '17, has for some years been secretary to Dr. Knoll of Vermilion, our present School Physician. **Rose Connelly**, '17, is now Mrs. Hudson of 116, 6th Ave. N.W., Calgary. **Violet Gardiner** of the same class lives at Long Beach, California. **G. Thorne**, married to **Helen Mead** of class '18, farms at Fort Saskatchewan. **Art Hunter**, '18, a partner in the firm of Dickson & Hunter, Innisfree, has been nominated as Liberal candidate at the next election. **Ethel Stibbard**, who took her first year at the V.S.A. in 1917 and later graduated from the University of Alberta, is now Dietician at the Claresholm Mental Institute. **Chas. A. Lewis**, '18, is a successful farmer at Bon Accord, where he has made a name for himself exhibiting grain. Incidentally, he is married to **Bertha Stewart** of the same class. **Lucille Grey**, '18, is married to Mr. Morrison, a government veterinarian at the Stockyards in Edmonton. **T. W. G. Grindley**, who took his first year here in 1917-18 now holds an important post in the Agricultural Statistics Branch, Ottawa. **Miss L. Lewis**, a graduate of '18, is a Mrs. Alvin Davis of Calmar, Alberta. **A. S. Ward**, '18, who received his M.Sc. from the University of Alberta in 1925, is at present with The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.

(CLASSES '21-'25)

Helen McKay, '22, recently married **Clarence Barr** of class '15, and lives in the well farmed "Barr" colony west of town. **Agnes Irving**, '21-'22, is to be found at Auburndale where she lives with her husband, Mr. Alf. Green. **Jack Cairns**, also of '21-'22, farms near Islay. **Ken Prior**, president of class '22-'23, is now an Agricultural Missionary in Africa, where he is doing good work. From the first class of British boys, '24-'25, we have the following news items: **Jack Strathearn** manages the U.F.A. Cooperative Store at Mannville, and is a frequent visitor, with his wife (nee **Margaret Elliott**), at the V.S.A. **Jack Housez** is associated with McDermids Studio in Edmonton. **Allan Hastings** and **F. Crease** are well established farmers at Busby. **Alex. Sherritt** is married, and engaged in restaurant work in Calgary. **Hal Woodfindin** is engaged in farming in the Alix-Mirror district. **A. Mould** has returned to England where he is engaged in journalistic work. **F. Brooks-Bailey** when last heard of was with the R.C.M.P.

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(CLASSES '25-'27)

Frank and **Bill Mead** are back on the farm near Vermilion, Bill with his B.Sc. and Governor General's Medal; both are as active as ever in hockey and baseball.

Prominent among Shorthorn breeders is our old friend **Lyle Robinson**, a frequent visitor to the V.S.A. This class includes several University graduates among whom are: **Jack Hopkins**, **Walter Stone**, **Harold Tarver**, **Fred Strashok**, and **Nick Strynadka**. Many of the girls are married, including **Clara** and **Dora Eyben**, **Gladys Johnson**, **Annie Terleski**, **Hazel Tatham**, **Irene Cunningham**, **Kathleen Hutton**, and **Zena Weaver**. Another local farmer is **Dale Williams**, and **Ronald Purkis** operates land at Alix. **George Garland** and **Lottie McKee** are married and live in Vermilion with their little daughter. **Godfrey P. Gower**, the president of Class '25-'26, is now Rector of Christ Church, Edmonton. **Arnold Platt** and **Donna Oxford** are married and live in Edmonton with their family, attending University. **E. R. Gibson** farms at Spruce Grove and is as active as ever with the Boy Scouts and the Alpine Club. Another graduate, **Frank Wood**, has specialized in Dairying at the University of Alberta.

(CLASS '28)

Bill Ross is now managing a ranch in B.C. Among local farmers are **Jack McKenzie** and **A. Larcombe**. **Bill Brown** and **Edna Lang** are both at Ponoka—on the staff, of course. **Grace Shandruk** is a graduate nurse. **Pete Wyllie**, president of the Alumni, another University graduate, is one of the V.S.A.'s warmest supporters. **Gunda Gunderson**, for several years after graduating, on the V.S.A. domestic staff, is now cook at Hanna Hospital. **Mabel Flaade**, who lives at home at Rosyth, sent her little brother to the V.S.A. this winter.

(CLASS '29)

Eric Hale and **Inger Riis** are married and live at Blackfalds where Eric is Principal. **Les Lovell**, another benedict, is on the farm staff here. **Lexie McNaughton** is with the Department of Vital Statistics in Edmonton and keeps a close eye on certain student activities. **Anita Ricker**, now Mrs. McNeilly, has recently come to Vermilion with her husband and opened a coffee shop. **Norman Burch** has varied interests and often visits the V.S.A., being as handsome as ever. **Ed. Chandler** has been busily occupied in building himself a house near Ranfurly. How come, Ed.? **Eva Wilson**, now Mrs. Patrick, reigns supreme in the Black house with her little daughter Marion. **Bob Johnson** and **Pearl Richardson** have settled down in Edmonton, Bob being active in the Department of Public Works. **Archie McGillawee** brought his little sister into the school this fall and frequently visits us from his elevator in Dewberry to see her—or somebody. **Bud Kiernan**, another elevator agent, now calls Streamstown his home. **Charlie Finlay** farms at Mannville near **Jimmie Allanach** and **Ethel Walker**, who have have a charming home and a small daughter. Another Mannville farmer is **Harry Hamilton**, also married. **Marjorie McCleery**, now B.A. of Cleveland, Ohio, is heading towards nursing.



(CLASS '30)

Marion Dixon is teaching in the Peace River Country. **Ed. Swindlehurst** and **Lucy Withnell** have their home in Edmonton, where Ed., after graduating at the University, has secured employment with the Department of Agriculture. **Gordon Pickard**, of Wetaskiwin, is still the great Jersey enthusiast, and may be seen at the big fairs. **Rupert Fearnley** has penetrated to the Great Bear district. Here's hoping you strike it rich, Rupert. **George Clay** recently took unto himself a wife and lives on the farm at Paradise Valley. **Wesley Plummer** may still be heard exercising his tuneful voice over the radio and has risen to a responsible position with H.B.C. in Edmonton. **Chas.** and **Syd Mitchell** are great boosters for the college and brought a fine team of basketball players from Lloydminster this winter to trim the students. **Lee Murray** operates a fur farm just west of Edmonton.

(CLASS '31)

Dot Hetherington has been up from her home at Auburndale helping the nursing staff of the V.S.A. to cope with the sickness. **Biddy O'Brien**, a very prominent member of this class, now resides with her husband and little daughter on the farm at High Prairie. **Marcelle Marie** followed Biddy's footsteps and lives with a similar combination in Edmonton. Two prominent two-in-ones, in **Marjorie McLaughlin** and **Frances McLean**, have also found good use for their Household Ec. course. **John Scott** is now a Metropolitan policeman in London, England, and directs traffic at Piccadilly Circus. **"Sausage" Waddell**, now a pilot officer with the Royal Air Force, recently proceeded to Egypt on duty. **Jared Turnbull** is another V.S.A. supporter who persuaded his sister to come here this winter. **Jared** farms at Onoway. **Grace Roderick** took the course at the Three Hills Institute and is now taking up nursing. **Percy Howe** and **Lindy Drozdowich** have carried on their college romance and now farm at Rivercourse.

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Obituary

Mr. Lawrence McCrae, Vermilion

A gloom was cast over the college early in the New Year, when the news came that Lawrence McCrae, a graduate of 1927, had passed away in an Edmonton hospital. A young man who made friends wherever he went, Lawrence was one who added something worthwhile to the lives of all who knew him well. To his parents and brothers and sisters who are well known in V.S.A. circles, we offer our sincerest condolences.

Wallace O. Watson, Provost

The sad task also falls to us of recording the death of Wallace Watson, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Watson, of Provost. Wallace was one of the leaders among the first year boys of 1929-30, a good student, a fine athlete, and a man in every sense. Possessing a great deal of moral fibre, Wallace led the tone of the school towards higher levels, and those who had the privilege of his friendship here, can look back on this friendship with pride. Such lives have not been lived in vain: their influence is felt long after, acting as an inspiration and incentive to the rest of us.



SHEEP SHEARING CLASS



APARTMENT KITCHEN

The Little Royal of 1935

BULLS from peaceful slumbers were awakened at early hours, the bovine beauty parlor was crowded to capacity, old horses became colts, sheep were trimmed for the tenth consecutive day, and there was great commotion in the farmyard.

Meanwhile farmsteads, yards and fields appeared in the central portion of the gymnasium about which butcher shops and bakeries, ladies' wearing apparel and staff socks were set off in booths, giving to the gymnasium the appearance of a market place. It was the morning of February 22nd—the Little Royal.

The livestock classes this year contained many animals of excellent quality; this, combined with expert showmanship, has set a mark hard to be surpassed by much larger fairs than ours.

In the gymnasium a new feature, suggested by Mr. Andrew, proved very popular with the spectators. The exhibits, in place of being set out in line, were arranged in various displays about the walls and in the central floor area. A model farmstead, prepared by Mr. Elliott, occupied a central position, and around it the farm itself, consisting of half a section, showed a suitable crop rotation. Grain and grass exhibits were arranged around the farm.

Two instructive exhibits showing the grading of eggs and the quality and finish desired in hog carcasses were featured in another section of the market. A number of mounted tools made by the boys in the blacksmith shop drew considerable attention and showed clearly the degree of skill which can be attained in a few short months by careful instruction.

The work of the girls made an attractive display and showed that they were able to produce not only the practical things in home life, but the artistic and beautiful as well.

Considerable attention was drawn to the interesting exhibit of cross stitch embroidery in various beautiful designs and colors to the tiny knitted garments, to the gayly colored lamp shades, and to the leather tooling which was a new feature this year. However, those good old-fashioned classes of bread, cakes, darning, and laundry work were not without admirers.

Gym "Nite"

PERHAPS the Annual Gym "Nite," which brought to a close the varied indoor athletic pursuits, was one of the most successful in the annals of the school. With the High School students as our guests, volleyball, boxing, basketball, and a short dance packed an evening full of first-class entertainment.

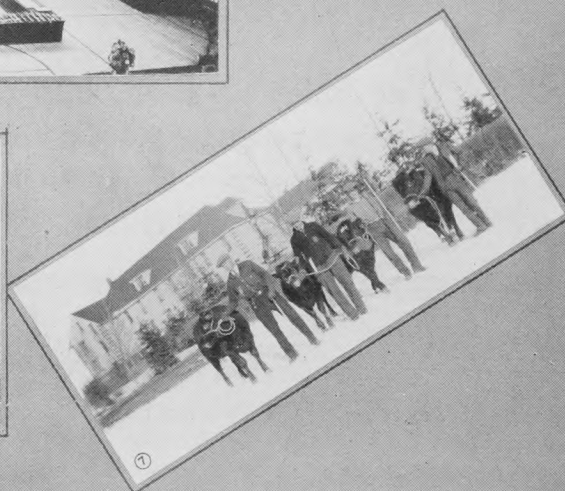
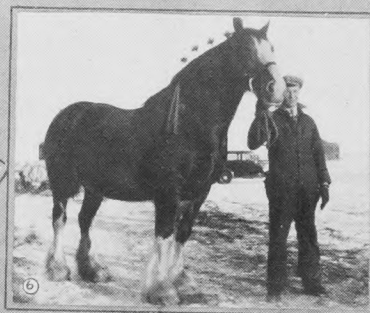
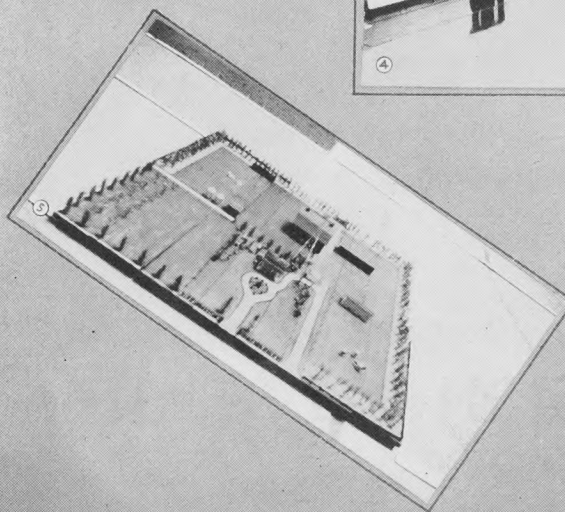
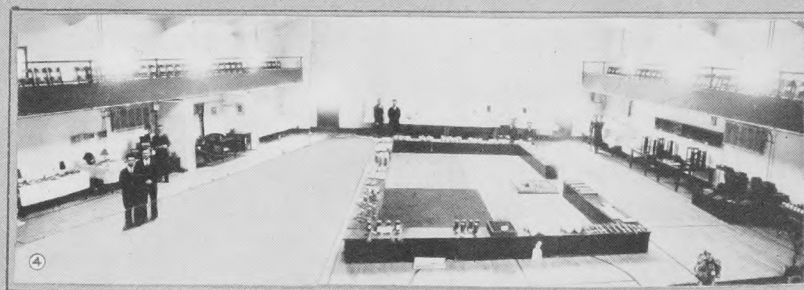
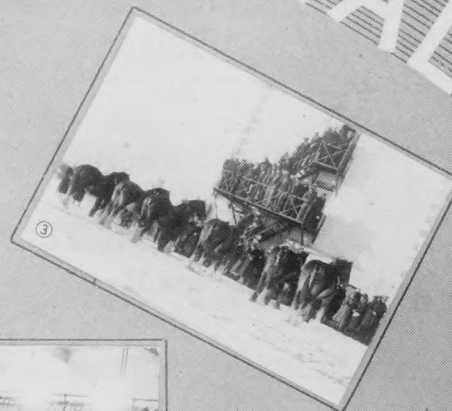
The experience of the boys and girls of the graduating year was too much for the first year mixed team, in the volleyball match. The boxing aroused enthusiasm, and the contestants, Walter Bradley, Archie Jeffrey, Joe Kallal, and Stan Murray are to be congratulated on their displays. Our girls, though outweighed by the taller high school team, showed great form in a dashing display of basketball, and emerged victors to the tune of 10-3.

The tit-bit of the evening was the final of the Boys' League Basketball. Stuart Bothwell's "Babes" made a brave display and the issue was in doubt till the final whistle, but the verve and spirit of Paul Therrien's "Canadiens" was too much for the "Babes," and a final result of 20-16 in favor of the flying Frenchmen was a fair indication of the play. Cupholders of former years will join with us all in congratulating Paul and his clean and enthusiastic team-mates on their victory.

A dance to the music of the college orchestra, with delightful refreshments, concluded a memorable evening.



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EDMONTON

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1. Principal Howes dehorning one of the first steers raised on the Demonstration Farm.
2. First Group of Staff and Students.
3. First Class of Girls enroute to the V.S.A.; H. Scott, driver.



Agricultural Society Sponsors Boys' Camp

The Vermilion Agricultural Society, which has for some years worked in close contact with the School of Agriculture, and which has managed to survive several years of depression, fostered agricultural education for boys in 1934 through the medium of a Boys' Camp. Almost one hundred boys and young men, drawn from a wide area, were the guests of the Society for the two days of the Vermilion Fair and were students at the School of Agriculture for two days preceding the Fair.

The Department of Agriculture at Edmonton generously supplemented the School of Agriculture staff, providing the necessary instructors for the boys, during their stay at the School. Classes in livestock judging featured the sessions, while attention was also given to breeding, feeding, grading and marketing.

The Agricultural Society invited boys from all over Northern and Central Alberta to attend the course, lasting for four days, the total cost to the young men being \$3.00, which included the cost of board and which entitled the boys to become members of the Society.

In 1935 it is hoped to extend the scope of the course, and to operate the Camp for girls as well as boys; an endeavor is being made to again secure the facilities of the School of Agriculture and, if present plans mature, any girl or boy between the ages of twelve and twenty-one will be welcome to take advantage of the courses offered. The cost will remain at a low figure and U.F.A. groups and others are urged to keep in touch with the plan and to make it possible for some young woman or young man to attend.

Full particulars of the courses, which will, it is hoped, include instruction in canning, etc., for girls, will shortly be available through S. C. Heckbert, formerly of the V.S.A. staff and now Secretary of Vermilion Agricultural Society.

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1935

In the spring of '21 Mr. Taggart accepted a position with the Federal Government, and Mr. J. C. McBeath of the Youngstown staff became Principal. He remained for only one school term when S. H. Gandier of the Raymond staff was appointed in 1922. During these years, from '20 to the spring of '23, the registration ebbed to the lowest of the school's history. Dry years and poor crops had prevailed in many districts for a couple of seasons, forcing the closing of the Youngstown and Gleichen schools in '22, followed by Vermilion and Raymond in '23. Regular classes were again admitted to the V.S.A. in 1925.

The Last Ten Years

By W. J. Elliott, Principal

It is given to the undersigned to write the third chapter in the history of the Vermilion School of Agriculture, and thus bring the story up to modern times.

In the 20th of October, 1924, we arrived in Vermilion to prepare to meet a contingent of British boys, who were coming to Canada to train for positions on farms, and who were just landing at Montreal. Forty-nine of these boys came on the two boats, Megantic and Montrose. Later an additional 15 came, swelling the class to sixty-four.

Mr. Craig, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, came to Vermilion, and with the Principal, welcomed the boys. They had been sent off the mid-night train in two coaches. When we arrived at the depot the group poured out of the coaches, bowler hats and all, and we have no doubt but that we looked as new and strange to them as they looked to us.

George Newson soon conveyed boys and baggage to the school—and what an assortment of baggage. A curious crowd had gathered at the depot, for the plan of the Hon. George Hoadley had been known for weeks, and the coming of the British boys had been eagerly awaited.

At the school, the old assembly, sewing room and dining room had been converted into dormitories, while the present practice kitchen had been cleared out and divided by a short partition. In one half a large range had been installed for cooking, the other half was set with tables and constituted the dining room.

The general plan consisted of five months' training in agriculture on the farm, then service on outside selected farms for a year, with periodic visits by the Principal. Of all the years of our life this one stands out by itself. Mr. J. G. Clark, Irma; Mr. E. C. Hallman, and Mr. B. J. Whitbread, then farm manager, constituted the staff with some assistance from others of the Department.

Some incidents stand out clearly in our mind. We shall never forget coming round the corner of the old school building one morning after a fresh fall of snow, and finding one of the boys, in full hunting regalia, a rifle in his hand, "hunting for bear" as he said. Many of the boys will also remember the chap, who considered it "bad form" if he appeared in the morning to clean out the cow stable, without his lavender spats.

As a whole that first class did very well indeed, in fact as well as a group of our Canadian boys might do, in fitting themselves into the life of another country.

The next year, 1925, the Government decided to open the school for Canadian boys and girls again, and a second group of 28 British boys also arrived. The same arrangement with a new group of British boys continued up until 1929. With most of the boys from across the water, we were anxious that they have four horse experience, and so during these years devised the plan of operating four horses and a plow in the snow which was usually quite deep on the lawn. In fact we disced and harrowed the snow and ran tedders and all kinds of machinery over it. Many farmers as they passed on the road, stood up in their sleighs in open eyed wonder. They surely thought that it was another Ponoka. The last class (1929) was a group of Scotch Boy Scouts, and while much younger, these boys in many ways, were a very excellent addition to our young Canadian life.

The attendance at the V.S.A. therefore gradually increased from 1924 to 1929. The greatest number of students in any one year was 1928 when 176 Canadian students and 35 British boys made a total attendance for the year of 211.

Interesting phases of the V.S.A. life cover many different activities. In the sport realm, to mention only one, the years 1925 to 1927, stand out in our memory as outstanding in hockey. When you remember such boys as Frank Mead in goal, his brother Bill with Clarence Boggs on defence, and Norman Burch, Lyle Robinson and others on the forward line, it is easy to understand how the Weibe Cup, emblem of civic supremacy, came to the V.S.A.

In 1927 the attendance began to tax the ability of the town of Vermilion, to accommodate the students, and the need for a dormitory became very evident. The Legislature of 1928 promised the funds and during that summer the present fine dormitory was erected. This building was built a year after the one at Olds, so that with that experience, and many valuable suggestions from the Hon. F. S. Grisdale, who was principal at Olds at that time, a number of improvements were effected, so that the V.S.A. building, in many respects, is one of the finest of its kind in Western Canada.

The dormitory has added tremendously to the school life. The associations in the class room, laboratory, gymnasium, in the Literary Society and in the common dining-room, are all designed to bring out what is best in the student. It is also true that the staff and student body enjoy much more of a fellowship than is possible in larger institutions. These years are often very impressionable, and it is but a natural thing that life long attachments and friendships are formed among the students who attend.

As an economy measure, the school was closed in 1933, but on the suggestion of the Hon. F. S. Grisdale, present Minister of Agriculture, and the approval of Premier R. G. Reid and his Cabinet, the school was opened again for students the fall of 1934.

The writer was given instructions to see what could be done and on the opening day the Minister's recommendation was found to have been fully justified for 165 students enrolled for the winter course.

Truly the V.S.A. has had its many difficulties and problems, but the results have fully justified its existence. Most of our ex-students are still on the farm successfully practicing the principles laid down by their school. It is our earnest hope that the school will grow and continue to enlarge its sphere of usefulness.



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And thereafter there was a great stir
In Central and Northern Alberta,
As the girls and the boys were preparing
To depart to the town of Vermilion.
And so each of them brushed their teeth
As they remembered their teachers had taught them;
And the girls prepared their war paint
And dreamed of the conquests of winter;
And the boys began grooming their hair
In many a strange mode and contortion;
But alas, they forgot the one thing:
In one thing they were found to be lacking.

And anon they arrived at the College,
And they looked upon it with much favour.
Assembling to hear the rules read,
They were filled with dismay and with grieving:
To the girls, cigarettes were tabooed,
And the boys might not enter a pool-room.
Then the bell called them all to their classes,
Where they found the real joys of the student:
They enjoyed the acquaintance of profs.,
And the rich fellowship of companions.
In due time they appeared for P.T.
Before one of the teachers, named Cormack;
And he ran each of them to exhaustion;
And he discovered that thing which was lacking,
For he sent them to wash in the showers,
To wash several times in the showers.

And there appeared a moustache among them,
Which inspired the Dean to do likewise.
And the boys, being filled with jealousy,
Determined that they also would grow ones.
Faint shadows of hirsute appendages
Were soon cast on the lips of the students—
Mere shadows they continued to remain
To the great humiliation of their growers.
Then, Santa Claus, seeing their plight,
Concocted certain Elephant Brand mixtures,
And at Christmas these he brought down
With sundry full-grown moustaches.
When at home during the gay Christmas Season,
Their attempts provoked uncalled for comments,
And these our dear lads could not take,
In disgust, they shaved down off their faces.

And one day there came to the College
A certain very learned theologian,
Who spoke to the students of great things,
But one picture he drew forth that pleased them:
A picture of a lane lined with trees,
And down this still lane in the moonlight
There came a gay lad and a maid.
And he spoke of the nature of youth,
And of this thing, which the preacher called "twozing."
Then there followed epidemics of twozing,
And the highway down town was that lane,
In the minds of imaginative twozers,
And the bare telephone poles 'long the way
Was the arch of the forest above them,
And it became a great habit among them:
Among Archie, and Ernie, and others.

And so quickly the winter months passed,
Enriching the lives of the students;
For many a new friendship was made,
And many an old one cemented;
And many an incident took place
In the class, in the game, in the hallway,
At the Lit., at the dance, at the frolic,
Enhancing the life at the College.
And they learned the principles of farming,
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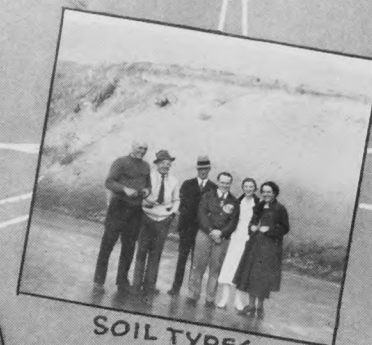
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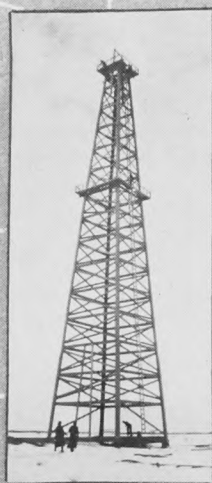
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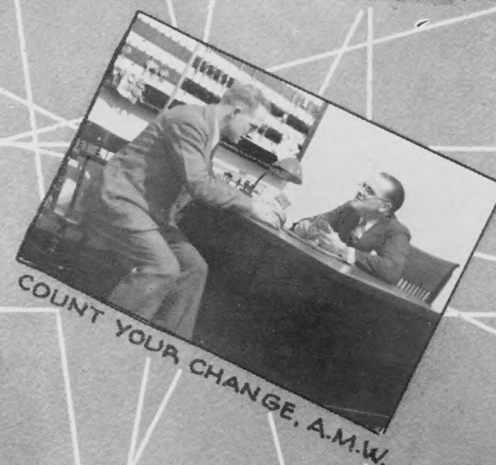
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(CLASS '32)

Jimmy Don is frequently seen driving a truck out of Edmonton. **Betty Haverslew**, more beautiful than ever, now helps to attract the customers to the Stephens' Store in Vermilion. **Leo Sand** had a tragic experience during the winter, losing his father and brother, and being seriously gassed himself; we offer our sincere sympathy, Leo. **Donald McDougall**, the ubiquitous Scott, knows Alberta thoroughly and was last heard of in the Innisfree district. **Ross Zwierschke** farms at Holden and doesn't forget his hockey stick or fiddle. **Morven Reid** is a herdsman with the Dominion Government in B.C. **Ed. George**, now a husky farmer, visits us occasionally from Lloydminster to see his sister. **Roy Lent** and **Joan Currey** reside at their farm near Duffield. **Edith Hutchinson** is a popular waitress at the dorm. Among University students may be noted **Stan Clay** and **Tom Hall**.

(CLASS '33)

Helen Gunderson is applying her Household Ec. **Bill Smith** operates an elevator at Inland and is very proud of his little son. **Alice Svarich** and **Charlie Travers** have started in at the U. of A. **Alice McCallum** is the head waitress at the dorm and as fascinating as ever. **Helen Gunn** has entered the University Hospital for training. **Fred Braithwaite** farms at Dewberry and keeps up his basketball and other athletic interests. **Jimmie Lloyd** (Grizzly), **Glen Valleau**, **Alf. Penny** and **Helen Thorpe**, all took their third year at Olds. **Lyll Stambaugh** operates a truck between his home at Bruce and Edmonton. We hope to see him on the basketball floor again with a team at some future date. **Grace Milne** has returned to Victoria.

EX-STAFF MEMBERS

Miss Mildred Bell is married to Dr. W. W. Bell of Vermilion. **Miss M. J. Alexander**, now Mrs. Palmer, lives in Mexico City where her husband is Assistant Trade Commissioner. **Miss F. E. Edwards** is on the staff of the Technical School in Calgary. **Mr. J. F. Andrew** is Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton. **Mr. S. C. Heckbert** after a long and happy association with the V.S.A. has become a successful business man in Vermilion, where we also see our old friend **Mr. J. Edgar**, busy with Insurance. **Mr. B. J. Whitbread** is doing agricultural field work for the Department and enjoying his vocation. **Mr. F. B. Dixon** handles the third year class at Olds. **Mr. W. D. Gentleman** may be found inspecting horses for the Provincial Government. **Miss F. C. Reid, R.N.**, our popular and genial nurse, is now doing splendid work in charge of the Junior Red Cross Hospital in Calgary. **Mr. J. E. Horning** and his wife have become very popular over the air with their Bird talks. **Mr. W. Turnbull** is to be found at the coast where he is assisting his brother in the lumber business. **Mr. E. Jones**, who had the misfortune to break his collar bone last fall, is now operating his own shop at Greenlawn.

We realize that this is by no means a complete list of the doings of our ex-students. Readers of this Year Book will be doing a favour if they will communicate with the School, giving interesting facts about any of the Alumni.

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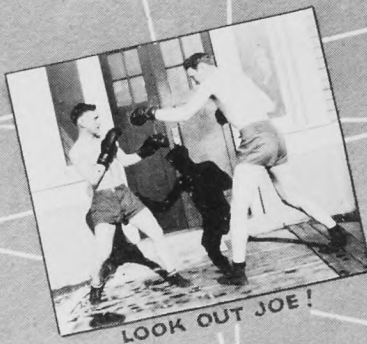
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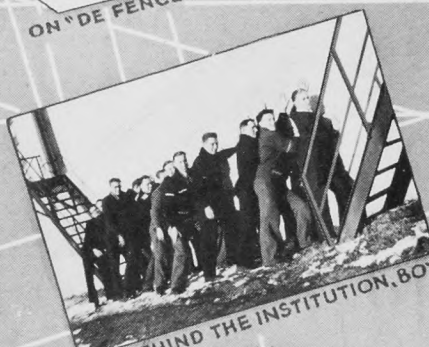
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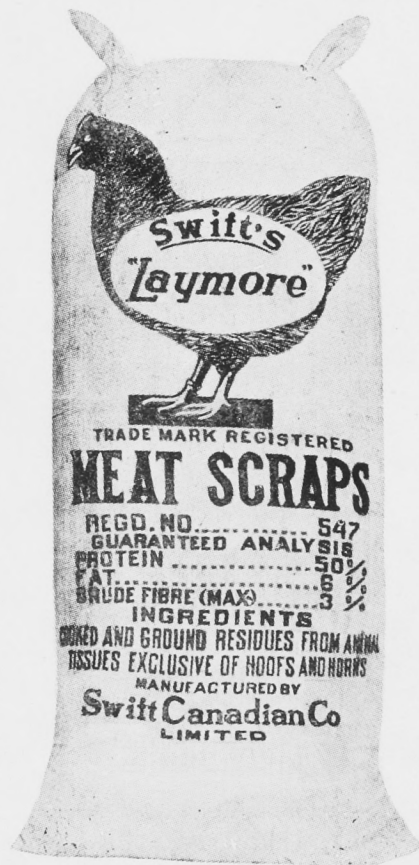
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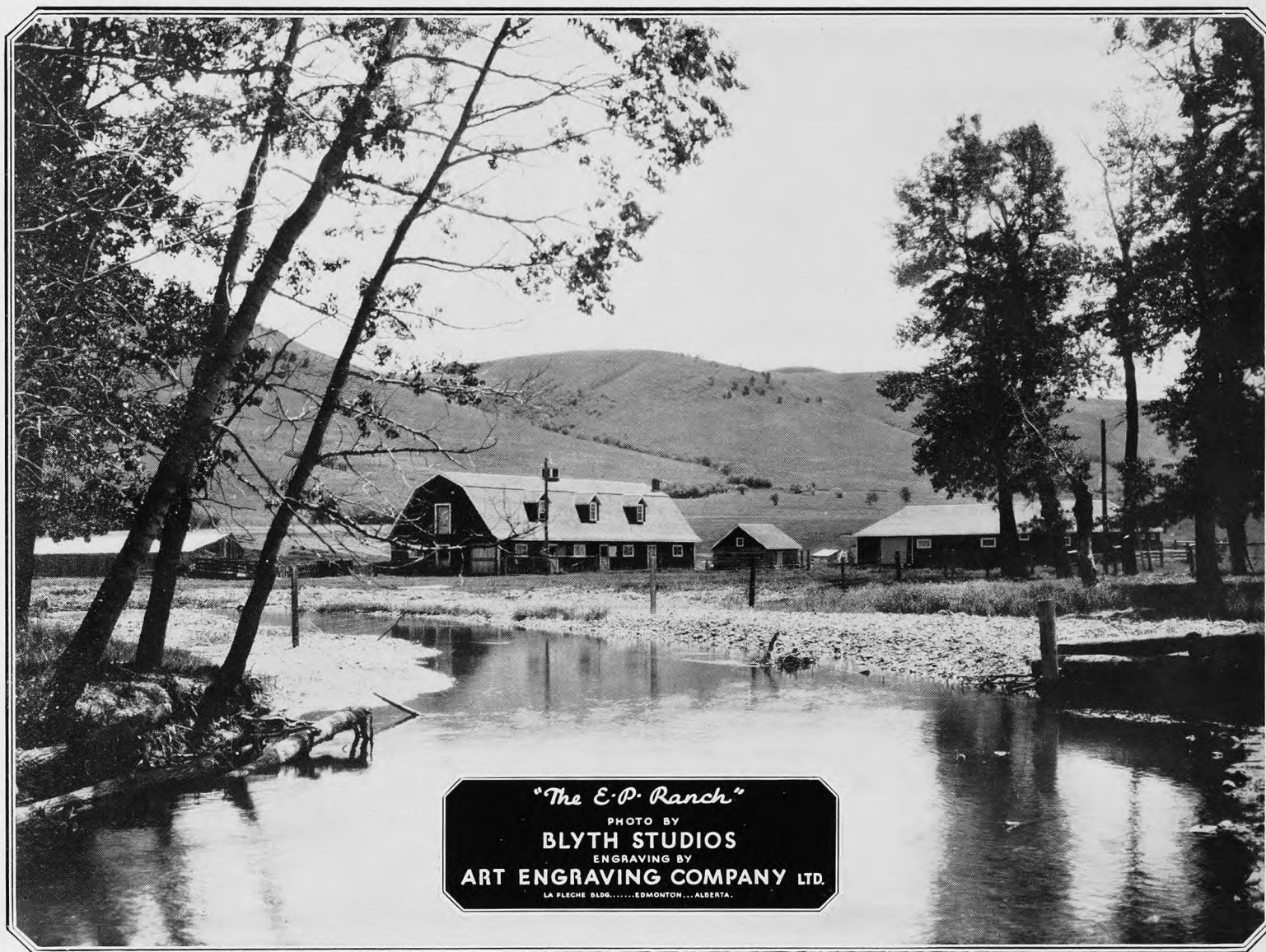
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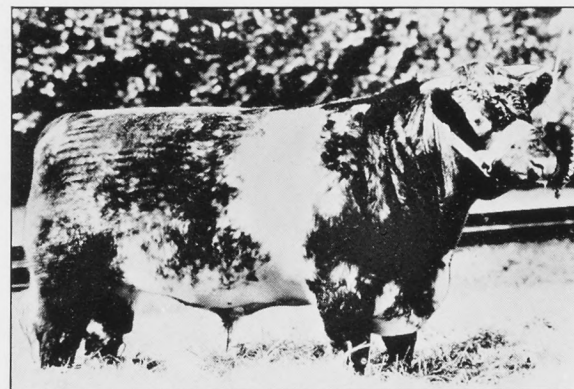
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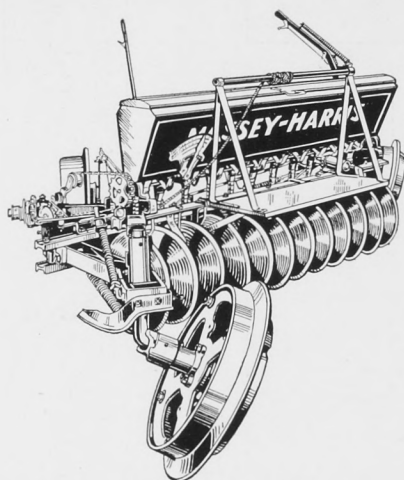


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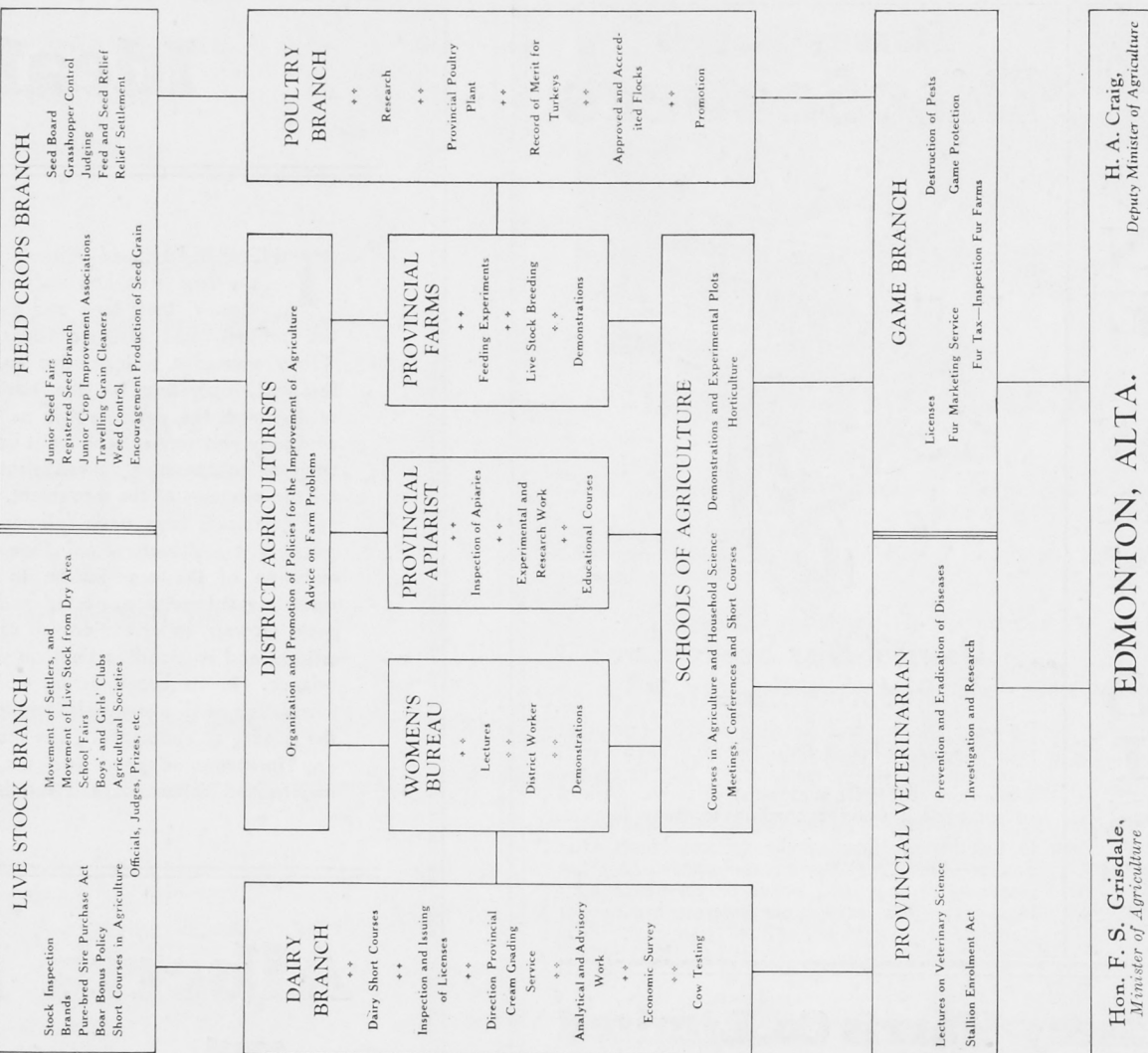
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